

Third man executed for Tunis attacks

TUNIS (R) — A firing squad has executed the third of four men convicted of armed attacks on a police station and a bank, the Tunisian TAP news agency said Wednesday. Mohammad Lazrag was executed in a Tunis prison for belonging to a criminal organisation and for complicity in attempted murder, TAP said, quoting a Defence Ministry communique. Lazrag was one of two group members condemned to death in absentia on July 11. He was later arrested in Saudi Arabia and exercised his right to a retrial by challenging the verdict within 10 days of his arrest. A military tribunal confirmed the death sentence on him three days ago after a three-day trial. Two others, including the group's leader, Habib Dhaoui, who claimed he belonged to the fundamentalist Islamic Jihad group, were executed on July 31. The fourth is still on the run.

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New Hejra year begins today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan along with other Arab and Islamic nations, on Thursday celebrates the new Hejra year which marks the forced emigration of the Prophet Mohammad from Mecca to Medina. Religious ceremonies will be held in mosques around the Kingdom, the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs said in a statement. A ceremony in Aqaba could be led by Minister of Awqaf Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat and another in Amman's Al Hussein Mosque would be led by ministry Under-Secretary Abdul Salam Al Abbadi. The government has announced today as a public holiday. The ministry statement explained the meaning of Hejra and its religious significance and the lessons to be drawn from it. The Prophet, the statement said, had to emigrate to Medina after being exposed to persecution at the hands of the tribe of Quraysh in Mecca and had to establish the first mosque in Medina.

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King sends condolences to Finland

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday sent a message of condolences to Finnish President Mauno Koivisto on the death of former Finnish President Urho Kekkonen. The King expressed in his message his condolences and those of the people and government of Jordan to the people and government of Finland and the family of the late president.

King visits PSD brigade

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday paid a visit to an armoured brigade of the Public Security Department (PSD) and was briefed on exercises performed by its units. The King inspected the training sites and reviewed a programme of training which includes lightning attacks on hostile positions. The units had earlier taken part in exercises with live ammunition attended by PSD Director-General Ali Haddad. Later, King Hussein toured the units' positions and watched target shooting exercises. He was accompanied on the tour by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and senior aides.

14 killed in air crashes in Australia

SYDNEY (R) — An air ambulance and a small charter aircraft have crashed in separate accidents killing a total of 14 people, police said Wednesday. In Melbourne, a Cessna 402 air ambulance crashed in a field shortly after takeoff from Essendon airport, killing four passengers, a nurse and the pilot. In Northern Queensland, all eight people aboard a chartered Piper Navajo were found dead when the aircraft was discovered smashed against a mountainside seven kilometres from Cairns. It had been reported missing.

U.S.-Soviet talks on Afghanistan end

MOSCOW (R) — Senior U.S. and Soviet officials meeting in Moscow to discuss the conflict in Afghanistan had businesslike talks and completed their agenda a day early, U.S. embassy officials said Wednesday. The officials said the two sides exchanged views at the meeting which ended Tuesday, the latest in a series aimed at laying the groundwork for a superpower summit later this year.

Morocco rejects Libyan appeal

RABAT (AP) — King Hassan II's top political adviser said Wednesday Libya was wasting its time appealing to the World Court against Morocco's renunciation of its treaty of union with Libya, because the renunciation was final and irrevocable. In an article in the government daily Le Matin du Sahara, Ahmad Reda Guedira said, "No jurisdiction, whatever its competence, can oblige a sovereign state to remain in an alliance from which it has decided to withdraw."

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Iraq reports retaking oil platform in Gulf

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraqi forces on Wednesday recaptured a vital radar platform in the Gulf in a counter-attack, "wiping out" Iranian marines who stormed it Tuesday, Baghdad Radio reported.

The radio did not name the platform, but said only that it was 30 kilometres south of Ras Al Bishr near Iraq's Fao Peninsula.

The communique was apparently referring to the Al Amiq oil terminal, which the Iraqis had used as a radar base to direct their warplanes against tankers carrying Iranian oil in the Gulf.

The radio, quoting a military communique, said Iraqi forces hoisted their flag above the platform after a night-long battle to push the Iranians out.

On Tuesday afternoon, an Iraqi spokesman dismissed an Iranian claim that Iranian forces had captured the platform.

Tuesday's communique said that the Iraqis were able to "purge the... oil-landing platform, situated within Iraqi territorial waters, of Iranian aggressors and completely wiped out the Iranian forces there."

But Tehran Radio claimed at 1030 GMT that the Iranians were "in complete control of the area around the Al Amiq platform" and had removed all Iraqi radar and "sophisticated" military equipment off the structure.

The radio said they then set the installations on fire "in retaliation for the Iraqi bombing of Iranian oil targets" in recent weeks.

Iraq claimed Tuesday that revolutionary guards marines seized Al Amiq in a pre-dawn assault and later attacked the

nearby Al Bakr oil terminal with naval gunfire, coastal artillery and two air strikes that set installations on fire.

The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported that Iranian warplanes bombed Al Bakr again Wednesday after a night-time "naval battle," an apparent reference to the reported Iraqi counter-attack.

It also claimed Iranian fighters and gunners downed three Iraqi warplanes Wednesday, one over the northern Gulf, one in the Haj Omran battlefield in northern Iraq and a third over southern Iran.

IRNA said the air attack on the Al Bakr platform, also used by the Iraqis as a radar base, inflicted "fresh losses and casualties."

Iraq had launched several raids in the past against the Al Amiq platform, which was capable of berthing several supertankers at once.

The Iraqi communique said Iran used four special brigades to attack a small and isolated Iraqi company on the platform.

The Iraqi air force, helicopter gunships, naval units and heavy artillery took part in the operation to retake the platform, the communique added.

At the United Nations, Iraq has proposed a non-aggression pact with Iran citing U.N. regulation as one option to guarantee compliance.

In a letter to U.N. Secretary

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Asked about Baghdad's attitude towards calls by some Arab states for security guarantees for shipping in the Gulf, Mr. Jassim said:

"There can be no security or such guarantees in the Gulf because there is a war and Iran began to attack ships in international waters."

"We export neither goods nor oil from the Gulf... and we do not care whether it is secure or not."

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Lebanese welcome truce but sceptical over its prospects

BEIRUT (R) — War-weary Lebanese on Wednesday welcomed the announcement of a civil war truce but warned many hazards had to be overcome before peace returns to the country.

"We have seen innumerable ceasefires in 11 years of civil war," said one Beirut resident. "Everyone wants the latest talks to succeed, but sometimes we don't dare to admit we still have hope that all problems will be solved."

Lebanon's 10-man cabinet announced on Tuesday a general ceasefire and decided to set up a national charter aimed at resolving sectarian violence.

About 200 ceasefire agreements have been declared since civil war broke out in April, 1975. At least 100,000 people have died in the savage conflict.

Political sources in mainly Muslim west Beirut said the meeting, close to the city's "green line" divide, was a good first step.

"A lot of hazards still remain," said one.

They said that while calm prevailed at traditional flashpoints 24 hours after the cabinet meeting, the sense of greater security would remain paper-thin until controversial political issues were settled and accepted by rival militias.

This was echoed by the pro-Syrian newspaper, Ash Sharq, which said in an editorial: "We are aware that a truce in itself is not the aim but a first step in the 1,000-mile journey (towards peace)."

In Damascus itself, the official Tishrin newspaper said Tuesday's agreement "calls for confidence and optimism about the future and for intensified efforts to foil internal and external counter-attempts."

Al Baath, representing Syria's ruling Baath Party, said the agreement was "far more than expected — even an extraordinary surprise in an extraordinary stage" and "a solid ground for building Lebanon's bright future."

Syria's role in Lebanon remains one of the crucial points of dispute between Muslim and Christian leaders.

Sources close to the cabinet said differences emerged in Tuesday's talks when Christian Finance Minister Camille Chamoun voiced doubts at calls for privileged ties with Syria.

The cabinet was meeting for the first in nine months and its decisions marked the first peace initiative since a Syrian-mediated accord collapsed last January.

The pact, which fell apart when President Amin Gemayel failed to endorse it, would have given Muslims a greater share of power by curbing Christian influence.

Political sources say differences still centre on two main issues: the prerogatives of Mr. Gemayel and proposals to abolish the present system of power-sharing known as confessionalism.

Traditionally the head of state is a Maronite Christian, the prime minister a Sunni Muslim and the speaker of parliament a Shi'ite Muslim.

Some hardline Christian leaders say they fear that Damascus seeks a military, economic and political takeover of the country, and they cite the presence of some 25,000 Syrian troops in north and east Lebanon.

The spokesman for the mainly Christian "Lebanese Forces" militia, Charles Shartouni, said Wednesday he welcomed the truce. "We must remain cautious about future plans," he told the militia's "Radio Free Lebanon" station.

Muslim leaders say, however, that the presence of hundreds of Israeli troops in a so-called "security zone" in South Lebanon poses a major obstacle to reuniting the country under Lebanese authority.



His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday confers with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's special political adviser Dr. Osama Al Baz, who delivered to him a message from President Mubarak (Petra photo).

King receives Egyptian message

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday received a message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. The Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said the message dealt with issues within the framework of consultations and coordination between Jordan and Egypt.

The message was delivered to the King by President Mubarak's special political adviser Dr. Osama Al Baz, who paid a short working visit to Jordan for the purpose.

Sources quoted by AP said the message dealt with the current visit to the region by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy.

In Alexandria, Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid said Mr. Murphy was expected in Egypt late Wednesday.

The U.S. official began his current visit to the Middle East in Israel on Monday. He visited

Jordan on Tuesday, and returned to Israel later in the day.

During his visit to Amman, Mr. Murphy was received by the King. Petra said the King reaffirmed to Mr. Murphy Jordan's firm principles vis-a-vis the Middle East conflict and reiterated the Kingdom's belief that an international conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict was the only means to achieve just and lasting peace in the region.

Mr. Murphy held talks with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres late Tuesday and met Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir for 90 minutes on Wednesday. No details were available on the talks.

However, Mr. Murphy told reporters in Israel that his talks had given him "a chance for a good full exchange of views on the peace process... and the upcoming summit between Israel and Egypt." He refused to elaborate.

President Mubarak and Mr. Peres are expected to meet sometime next week after Egypt and Israel settle their border dispute over the Taba beachfront

along the Red Sea coast. Mr. Peres said on Wednesday last-minute hitches over settling the dispute were holding up definite plans for the meeting.

Speaking to foreign journalists in Israel on Wednesday, Mr. Peres said the outcome of Mr. Murphy's visit would determine whether U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz would visit the Middle East in the coming week. "It depended," he said, "very much upon the degree of understanding we can reach over the coming days."

In his brief remarks to reporters in Israel, Mr. Murphy appeared to leave open the possibility of a Shultz visit to the region. Mr. Shultz "is already ready to travel when he decides that his visit can contribute. He will make that assessment. I won't make it for him," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy was scheduled to report to Mr. Shultz in Washington on his impressions of the Arab and Israeli positions on means to achieve Mideast peace.

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Peres: Plans not definite for talks with Mubarak

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said on Wednesday last-minute hitches were holding up plans for a summit with President Hosni Mubarak.

Egyptian and Israeli officials have said they expect an agreement by the middle of next week on how to resolve a contested border on the Red Sea, clearing the way for a summit.

Israeli officials have said the summit was tentatively planned for next Wednesday in the Egyptian port of Alexandria.

Mr. Peres, speaking to Israel's foreign press association, said: "As it may happen in negotiations, there are always difficulties at the last moment. At least, I hope it is the last moment."

"For the time being, neither a time or a place has been designated," he said. "It's still hanging in the air."

Mr. Peres said the two countries still were trying to resolve "complicated technical matters" because of security problems.

The Aquino-Misuari meeting was arranged by Agapito Aquino, the president's brother-in-law, who conferred with Mr. Misuari in Maimbung on Wednesday.

"This is a meeting of two leaders and the agenda will be peace," the president's envoy said.

In a speech at the opening of Wednesday's congress, Mr. Misuari said: "The Bangsa Moro nation loves peace more than it loves war."

He said the MNLF was seeking to regain sovereignty over islands south of Mindanao, which he said were handed to the newly independent Philippines by the United States after World War II.

"We have been an independent nation before the Second World War but the Americans annexed our homeland to the Philippines," Mr. Misuari told a news conference.

In Manila, presidential palace sources have said the talks might be held elsewhere in the southern Philippines rather than Jolo

Poland expects accord in Stockholm conference

STOCKHOLM (R) — Poland said Wednesday the European disarmament conference was very close to agreement but mutual concessions were needed to guarantee success by the end of the 35-nation talks on Sept. 19.

The head of the Polish delegation, Ambassador Wlodzimierz Konarski, said: "We are very close to a successful conclusion. But there are a number of problems which although they seem purely technical are also political and could become serious obstacles to a final agreement."

The conference, dealing with ways of avoiding an accidental conflict in Europe, began in January 1984 and involves the United States, Canada and all European countries except Albania.

The Polish delegate identified two main stumbling blocs — the thresholds at which military activities are to be notified, and how states can send inspectors to check on the spot that such activities are not threatening.

The two issues are inter-linked. NATO wants a very low notification level of around 6,000 troops to ensure the greatest possible number of opportunities for sending inspectors. The Warsaw Pact initially proposed a threshold of 18,000 troops.

"The way forward is through mutual concessions," the Polish delegate said, but stressed the conference was not deadlocked.

Mr. Konarski said the Stockholm talks were having an increasingly important bearing on the whole East-West dialogue, including the possibility of a new U.S.-Soviet summit.

He reminded a news conference that the end of the conference would coincide with the start of an important meeting in Washington to prepare the next summit.

Muslim rebels prepare for peace talks with Aquino

JOLO, Philippines (R) — Thousands of Muslim guerrillas pitched camp on this island on Wednesday and discussed plans for talks with the government that could end their 14-year insurgency.

Carrying grenade-launchers, machine-guns and American-made rifles, they lined the highway towards Maimbung in the hinterland of Jolo, the main island of Sulu province south of Manila.

Nur Misuari, head of the secessionist Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), had brought the fighters together for a congress to discuss the issues to be taken up with Philippine President Corason Aquino. He returned from exile in the Middle East last week.

Muslim leaders say, however, that the presence of hundreds of Israeli troops in a so-called "security zone" in South Lebanon poses a major obstacle to reuniting the country under Lebanese authority.

Diplomats said a Latin American venue would also inevitably focus world attention on Latin American regional problems in much the same way as focus at Harare has turned on the South African situation.

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African countries and some

Iraq proposes non-aligned panel to probe Gulf war

HARARE (R) — Iraq was to propose setting up a fact-finding committee led by Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe to investigate the reasons behind the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq Gulf war six years ago, Iraqi delegation sources said Wednesday.

Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, who was scheduled to address the summit meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement late Wednesday, was also expected to accuse Iran of refusing to stop the fighting despite repeated appeals from the world community for an immediate cessation of hostilities, they said.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei rejected Iraq's peace proposals in his speech to the 101-member organisation of Third World states and called for its expulsion from the movement.

As heavy fighting was reported on the Gulf war front, Mr. Ramadan held a series of meetings with world leaders including those from Algeria, Yugoslavia, Nicaragua, North and South Yemen and Sudan to probe peace efforts.

A seven-nation Arab League committee comprising Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Iraq and the Palestine Liberation Organisation assigned to seek ways of ending the war also

met to propose a draft declaration on war.

The flurry of meetings followed reports that the political committee had failed to agree on a draft dealing with the Gulf conflict. Arab delegation sources said.

"The prevailing discussion concentrated on an appeal to end the war but Iran refused until a clear condemnation was made of Iraq for (allegedly) initiating the war," they said.

Other controversial issues still under heated debate dealt with security in the Mediterranean and the Middle East problem.

Syria attacks U.S., Israel

Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam on Wednesday addressed the summit and lashed out at Israel and the U.S. accusing them of having no interest in achieving peace in the Middle East.

"The U.S. and Israel, in spite of their lip service to peace in the Middle East, are not interested in this peace. Their main interest lies in creating suitable circumstances for even more expansion in order to impose Israeli and American hegemony on the region. This cannot be realised except through imposing their conciliatory terms on the Arabs," he said.

Non-aligned leaders seek to end chairmanship row

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Iran seizes 2 Soviet ships in Gulf waters

TOKYO (R) — The Iranian Navy has seized two Soviet ships in international waters in the Gulf in line with its policy of checking cargoes that may be bound for its enemy Iraq, international shipping sources said Wednesday.

In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Ministry Spokesman Gennady Gerasimov confirmed that Iran had taken the Soviet merchant vessel *Pyotr Emtsov* while on its way to Kuwait from a Black Sea port with a commercial cargo.

Japanese shipping sources said that a Japanese ship in the Gulf had received an urgent distress call from the ship Tuesday, about 50 kilometres west of Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates.

International shipping sources said another Soviet ship was seized by Iran's navy early Wednesday morning but was later released.

Iran fears that weapons are being shipped to Iraq to help Baghdad in its war with Tehran.

The international shipping sources said Iranian tug boats appeared to be taking some cargo off the *Pyotr Emtsov*.

Tension is high in the area as Iran tries to keep oil exports flowing by secretive shipping operations, always under threat of attack from the Iraqi Air Force.

The six-year-old war between the two nations may be coming to a head. U.S. satellite pictures have confirmed Iran is concentrating troops on its southern front with Iraq, probably meant for a final push to cut Baghdad off from the sea.

The Japanese sources said Iran was using five vessels to shuttle crude from the embattled

northern end of the Gulf to its oil export terminal off Larak Island, near the mouth of the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

Two other ships were knocked out by an Iraqi raid on the Iranian export terminal at Kharg Island on Aug. 7 but Iran is repairing five more tankers to make the dangerous run, the shipping sources said.

Iran is desperate to sustain its oil exports to keep cash flowing into its war coffers.

Due partly to a decline in the number of ships available for the shuttle service, Iranian crude exports are estimated at 600,000 barrels per day against 1.6 million before Iraq's Aug. 12 raid on the Sirri export terminal, close to where the Soviet ship was seized.

Sirri is now closed and the sources said Iran is probably using Hangam Island, in the neck of the Gulf, as a temporary terminal.

A large Japanese tanker entered the Strait of Hormuz on Aug. 21 for one week, during which time it was asked by Iran to lift Iranian crudes from an Iranian tanker moored on the west side of Hangam Island and also to load crudes at the Hormuz oil export terminal, the sources said.

Lloyds register of shipping listed the *Pyotr Emtsov* belongs to the USSR-Black Sea Shipping Co. of Odessa.

Kuwait-based shipping executives said the situation was not clear 24 hours after the vessel reported the interception. They said they believed that it was probably taken to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, where it was to be subjected to a thorough search.

Bandar Abbas is about 192 kilometres east of the United Arab Emirates coast.

The Iranians have intercepted scores of vessels of various nationalities. Last January the Iranians intercepted and boarded the American-owned freighter *President Taylor*.

The Iranian Navy Commander, Capt. Mohammad Hussein Malekzadeh was quoted earlier this week as saying Iranian warships intercept between 15 and 20 commercial vessels a day in the Gulf to make sure they are not carrying cargoes that will help Iraq's war effort.

Iranian gunboats and helicopter-borne troops, usually carry out the interceptions. The vessels are searched and the vessels are often allowed to continue their voyages.

A specified number of vessels were seized and forced to sail to Bandar Abbas, where their cargoes were unloaded and confiscated.

The Kuwait-flag vessel *Al Bitar* was seized last November by the Iranians who, six months later, declared it confiscated.

UAE officials were not prepared to comment on the report. But the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, summoned the Soviet charge d'affaires on Tuesday and later was quoted as appealing to the Soviet Union and the United States to intercede and bring the Iran-Iraq war to an end.

France 'working alone' to free hostages

PARIS (AP) — The Foreign Ministry said that France alone has determined its course in seeking freedom for French hostages, denying allegations by the Islamic Jihad that Paris is now coordinating its handling of the hostage crisis with Washington.

"Contrary to certain allegations, the action engaged by the French government in view of obtaining freedom of French still held in Lebanon is determined by it (France) alone, and independent of anyone else, whoever it may be," said a statement early Wednesday.

The ministry statement was the second comment from Paris following publication of a statement by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad claiming that Paris has submitted to orders from Washington "for a total coordination with the great Satan on the Islamic question."

The Islamic Jihad's statement was received in Beirut by a Western television network.

Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond said later Wednesday that there was no fundamental change in French policy.

"The conversations we have had with those who could exercise influence are going normally," he told reporters after a meeting with President Francois Mitterrand. "It is a long and difficult process, but change (in policy) that could be linked to this communiqué" from Islamic Jihad.

France has in the past remained extremely tight-lipped on the hostage issue, and the French reaction appeared unusual.

An earlier statement responded to the demand by Islamic Jihad, or Islamic holy war, for the return to Paris of two Iraqis.

"The two Iraqi citizens mentioned in the Islamic Jihad communiqué recently asked for and received their visas to return to France," the ministry said.

"They told our ambassador in Iraq, who received them personally, of the intention to return to France at the time of the opening of the university - to resume their studies - at the University of Paris."

Police question Shamir on Gaza murders

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel's Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was questioned by police about the 1984 killings of two Palestinian bus hijackers and a subsequent cover-up of the affair, Israeli army radio and newspapers reported Wednesday.

Shamir has denied any prior knowledge of the affair and said he did not give any general or specific orders to Shin Bet security service agents regarding the affair, the radio reported.

The daily Haaretz said Shamir was questioned earlier this week at his Jerusalem home by Police Commissioner David Kraus.

An aide to Shamir declined to comment on the reports. "If Shamir has been or will be questioned, he will voluntarily give answers to all questions," said

the official, who asked not to be identified.

Police imposed a blackout on the investigation begun on Aug. 11 into the beating deaths by Shin Bet agents and the alleged cover-up by the agency at three subsequent hearings.

Shamir's alleged involvement in the affair could prove an embarrassment when he takes over as prime minister in October under a power-sharing pact between his right-wing Likud bloc and the left-leaning Labour Party of Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Health Minister Mosheh Givon of Labour said Tuesday he would rather resign than serve in a Shamir-led government because of reports indicating the Likud leader had played a role in the

Shin Bet affair.

Shamir told investigators he knew nothing about the cover-up and learned about it only when a former deputy Shin Bet chief complained to Peres about the affair, the daily Hadashot reported.

But outgoing Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom and his former deputy, Reuven Hazak, told police the agency received orders from Shamir immediately after the hijacking as well as during the subsequent probes, Hadashot reported. It did not specify what orders they got.

In a letter to President Chaim Herzog in June asking for immunity from prosecution, Shamir said he acted "with authority and permission."

Although he did not mention Shamir by name, Shamir as prime minister at the time was Shalom's direct and sole superior.

Herzog granted Shalom and 10 other agency officials full pardons in the case.

Attorney General Yosef Harish told reporters Tuesday that "Shamir will not be interrogated or questioned, but will be asked a number of clarifying questions following the interrogation of Shin Bet agents involved in the affair," the conservative daily Maariv reported.

The mass-circulation Yediot Ahronot reported Wednesday that Shamir "stated a part of his version of the Shin Bet affair" and indicated Shamir's questioning will continue.

New group threatens UNIFIL

BEIRUT (AP) — An anonymous caller claiming to speak for a previously unknown group threatened on Wednesday to treat U.N. peacekeeping force as "hostages" if Israel fails to withdraw from South Lebanon within a month, a Beirut radio station said.

The Revolutionary Brigades for the Liberation of the Border Strip set a one-month deadline expiring on Oct. 3 for the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 425 of 1978, the Muslim-controlled Voice of the Nation said.

"Otherwise the U.N. forces in the South will be considered as hostages until this resolution is enforced," the Arabic-speaking caller said, and hung up, the radio added.

There was no way to authenticate the call or verify whether the caller's threat to treat the U.N. peacekeepers as hostages meant they would be subjected to kidnapping attacks.

Resolution 425 calls for Israel's withdrawal from South Lebanon and the deployment of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) up to the Lebanese-Israeli international boundaries.

Nine nations contribute to the 5,800-strong UNIFIL. They are France, Fiji, Ireland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Ghana, and Nepal.

Walters in Bonn for talks on Libya

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Vernon R. Walters, the U.S. envoy to the United Nations, arrived in West Germany on Wednesday for talks on Libya with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, airport officials said.

Spokeswoman Margit Reifmuth of the Cologne-Bonn airport said Gen. Walters "arrived as scheduled at 11:40 a.m. (09:40 GMT)," after a flight from The Netherlands.

"Walters will be meeting with Genscher and with Chancellor Kohl for talks on Libya," said U.S. Embassy spokesman Robert Heath in a telephone call with the Associated Press.

Some Bonn officials on Tuesday expressed scepticism on U.S. plans for tougher sanctions against Libya.

Earlier Wednesday, Gen. Walters met in The Hague with Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers and Foreign Minister Hans Van Den Broek.

Gen. Walters is visiting the United States' European allies this week in an apparent bid to win support for stepped up sanctions

against Col. Muammar Qadhafi's government.

Gen. Walters, who met with the Dutch officials for 80 minutes, told reporters after their talks that the "struggle against terrorism" was among the topics discussed.

But he declined to disclose any further details, saying "I can't discuss the contents of what I have been doing. Otherwise this would be my last mission of this kind."

Before the talks, however, a Dutch government source told the Associated Press that Gen. Walters was expected to sound out "The Netherlands' willingness to support further U.S. sanctions against Libya."

The source, who asked not to be named, added that he saw the talks mainly as an exercise in "window dressing" by the United States, meant to convince the American public of the U.S. government's willingness to consult its European allies before taking any further steps against Libya.

And he said that United States' Western European allies would consider the United States "taking it too far" should the Reagan

administration mount another bombing raid against Libya.

On Tuesday, Gen. Walters met with Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans and a senior NATO official in Brussels, before travelling to Paris for talks with President Francois Mitterrand.

West German newspapers predicted on Tuesday that Gen. Walters would find little support for tougher sanctions against Libya, and some officials said the West Germans have no evidence that Libya is planning terrorist attacks in Europe.

"We have very close cooperation with other Europeans on terrorism, and no evidence (that the Libyans are plotting attacks) has emerged from these contacts," officials who asked not to be named told the Associated Press.

In West Berlin, Justice Ministry spokesman Volker Kaehne told the AP there was no evidence that three Lebanese men who were arrested there last month were involved in a Libyan-sponsored mission to bomb U.S. installations in that city.

Craxi, Weizman discuss Egypt-Israel summit

ROME (R) — Israeli Arab Affairs Minister Ezer Weizman, a special envoy of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, met Italian Premier Bettino Craxi Wednesday to discuss a planned Israeli-Egyptian summit.

"It was a very interesting and important exchange of opinions," Weizman told reporters after the

meeting, which lasted one-and-a-quarter hours, longer than anticipated by Italian officials.

Weizman flew into Rome Tuesday from Bonn where he had similar talks with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and said he was returning directly to Tel Aviv.

He said the atmosphere of his talks with Mr. Craxi, arranged at shortnotice, was "very nice, with a very responsible attitude on both sides to a very complicated situation."

Weizman said the main theme of the talks had been the meeting planned for next week between Peres and President Mubarak

Qadhafi offers to arm Pretoria opponents

LONDON (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi has offered his country's assistance to arm and train opponents of South Africa's white-led government, state-controlled Libyan radio reported Wednesday.

The radio monitored in Britain said Col. Qadhafi made the offer in an interview Tuesday with Zimbabwean radio and television in Harare where he is attending a summit of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Libyan radio reported: "The brother leader (Col. Qadhafi) said

that the Libyan people had confirmed at its popular conferences its absolute support for the causes of freedom all over the world and to work for their triumph."

"Therefore, it announces that it places all its capabilities at the disposal of the revolutionaries of South Africa and Namibia, to train and arm them. We consider this self-defence. And if America considers this struggle terrorism ... to hell with America."

Namibia, South West Africa, is ruled by South Africa under a

disputed mandate.

Libyan radio quoted Col. Qadhafi as saying that the issue in South Africa was one of "annihilation" and resembled "the historic war in which the Americans annihilated the Red Indian nation."

It quoted him as saying that South African whites were trying to eliminate black Africans and as adding: "Thus there is nothing ahead of us other than to fight for the expulsion of whites from our continent, or their annihilation."

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21:45 Islamic film
23:00 News Summary in Arabic
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19:30 Varieties from Jersah Festival (Russian troupe)
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Carol Bennett and Friends
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MUSEUMS
Folklore Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also money from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.
Museum of Military Memorabilia: Collection of military memorabilia from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 637169.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Qatanani receives Nabli deputy

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs Under-Secretary Ahmad Qatanani on Wednesday received Nabli Deputy Mufeed Al Mubaslat to discuss a number of projects being carried out by municipal and rural councils in the Nabli area.

CAA to attend aviation assembly

AMMAN (Petra) — The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) will take part in a general assembly meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) which is due to open in Montreal, Canada, on Sept. 23. CAA Director General Khaled Mohammad Ali, who will lead Jordan's delegation to the meeting, said that the ICAO will discuss attacks on a civilian aircraft and measures to thwart hijacking. The general assembly groups delegates from 33 countries, including four Arab states. Jordan's delegation to the meeting includes Bassam Salata from the CAA's transport department.

Large crowds visit Jordanian pavilion

DAMASCUS (Petra) — The Jordanian pavilion at the Damascus International Fair has been visited by large numbers of Syrian and other Arab businessmen who came to view a variety of Jordanian national products, according to the pavilion's director Mohammad Al Alawneh. Mr. Alawneh organised a tour of the pavilion for directors of Arab pavilions and briefed them on the quality of the products and means of contacting Jordanian companies and factories to place orders for Jordanian products.

Rawabdeh invited to ICO conference

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh has received an invitation from the governor of Cairo to attend the fourth general conference of the Islamic Cities Organisation (ICO) which will be held in Cairo on Sept. 21. The invitation was submitted to Mr. Rawabdeh Wednesday by Egyptian Charge d'Affaires in Amman Helmi Budair.

CVDB extends loans to ten councils

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) has decided to lend ten town and village councils in the country JD 1.785 million to help them carry out public service projects in their regions. The loans will go to Jubeiha, Aqaba, Sukhneh, Al Jadideh, Fakkouh, Tibneh, Kitem, Muwaqqar, Qimieh and Naserieh to finance the building of roads, market places, handicraft zones and the purchase of vehicles and land for implementing services.

Jordan to host Arab council meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in the meetings of the Arab economic and social council which will open here Saturday at the Regency Palace Hotel. The Jordanian delegation to the four-day meetings will be led by Minister of Agriculture Ahmad Dakhan.

Medical meetings slated for March 4

AMMAN (Petra) — The fifth Jordanian medical conference will be held here on March 4 with the participation of a large number of prominent world doctors. The four-day conference will discuss medical developments, continuing medical education as well as the exchange of experience between Jordanian and other doctors. A medical exhibition will be organised during the conference.

Ninety doctors join JMC

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Medical Council (JMC) has accepted applications from 90 new doctors to join the council's membership. The decision was taken at a council meeting under the chairmanship of Dr. Hassan Khreis.

Hmoud to join Arab housing meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The cabinet has formed Jordan's delegation to the Arab ministers of housing council meeting, due to open in Tunis on Oct. 22. The delegation will be led by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Hmoud.

Government takes steps to end firing at weddings

AMMAN (Petra) — The government is introducing strict measures designed to prevent the firing of guns during weddings and funerals and violators will be referred to court for trial, according to instructions contained in a message to Minister of Interior Hassan Al Kayed from Prime Minister Zaid Rifai.

In his message, the prime minister said that very strict measures should be taken against persons using fire arms at weddings and funerals because of the serious consequences this can cause and due to the danger to public safety. "In order to maintain public order and protect the life of innocent people from irresponsible and rash action, I wish that you instruct police and other security stations around the Kingdom to take proper action to end such practices once and for all and that violators be referred to court for trial and that they receive the most deterrent penalties," the prime minister said in his message.

Last year 207 people died or were wounded by stray bullets fired during weddings, according to a statistical bulletin issued by the Public Security Department. The bulletin said that 19 people died and 140 others were injured in such incidents during the past eight months.

Dakhqan to pursue crop transport issue

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Ahmad Dakhan has been entrusted by the Higher Agricultural Council (HAC) to make contacts with the Saudi authorities to try and find a solution to the problem of transporting Jordanian agricultural crops to Saudi Arabia and on to other Arab countries. The decision was taken at a HAC meeting chaired by the minister himself.

The Saudi authorities have been ordering all shipments of agricultural crops carried by Jordanian refrigerated trucks to be unloaded and at the border posts and re-loaded on to Saudi trucks which take the cargo to its destination.

The council requested the minister to "take up the subject with the Saudi authorities and to request that Jordanian vehicles be allowed to enter Saudi territory with their cargo and continue their trip to other Gulf states."

The council also decided to set up a special team to study the problem of transporting agricultural crops within the Kingdom and shipping export cargoes by air.

The team groups representatives of the Ministries of Agriculture and Transport, the University of Jordan, the Jordan Valley Farmers' Association and the Agricultural Marketing Corporation.



CROWN PRINCE INSPECTS ARMY UNIT: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday pays an inspection tour to a formation of the Fifth Royal Armoured Division. The Crown Prince was received by the commanders of the division and the formation. Prince Hassan's tour included visits to various military positions where he watched live exercises. The Crown Prince also met with officers and personnel and took part in practical training on the use of modern weapons.

International congress to discuss reforms, developments in public administration

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The 20th international congress on administrative sciences opens its meetings here on Saturday to discuss wide-ranging issues related to economic changes and administrative reform and the role of public administration in confronting present economic challenges.

Taking part in the five-day conference, which is expected to be inaugurated by His Majesty King Hussein, will be renowned Arab and foreign administrators, economists and ministers.

Organising the congress is the Brussels-based International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), which accepted the invitation of the Amman-based Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences (AOAS) to host the meeting in Amman.

As part of the five-day event, two specialised sessions will be dedicated to discuss public administration and administrative reform in the Arab World.

Saudi Arabian Minister of Finance Mohammad Alkhalil will be the main speaker on the conference's theme of economic changes and administrative reform. Two related sub-topics are: the public administration and confronting economic changes and administrative reform imposed by economic changes will also form the majority of the five-day discussions.

IAD meetings

On the sidelines of the conference, the International Association for Documentation (IAD), a specialised institution functioning within the framework of IIAS, will also hold its annual meetings. The IAD deliberations will discuss subjects related to a thesaurus in public administration, conflicting thoughts on administrative

information, and libraries in public administration.

Highlighting the AOAS's preparations for the international congress, the organisations director general Yusef Al Sayegh said his institution charted a comprehensive organisational programme in order to make the meeting a success.

AOAS' contribution

Speaking during a press conference on Wednesday, Dr. Sayegh said that the AOAS dispatched a team to Geneva to study the latest techniques of organising conferences including supervision and preparing committees and another team to get acquainted with needs related to public relations.

Dr. Sayegh said that his organisation issued a 1224-page book in Arabic entitled: "Public administration and administrative reform in the Arab World." The book, which is AOAS's scientific contribution to the conference, includes analytical studies of facts and practices in public administration based on official reports given by 16 Arab governments. The AOAS will also present 10 working papers to the conference's sessions.

"I am confident that the conference's outcome will be a valuable experience for the Arabs and for the foreigners," Dr. Sayegh told 20 local and international journalists during the press conference at Al Hussein Sports City.

Also speaking during the press conference was Dr. Kaiser, who spoke about the role of his institution in dealing with and developing international public administration.

"We try to explore ways of how to develop public administration methods and techniques and to arrive at the progress of international public administration," he said. Seventeen Arab states out of 46

other countries are full-fledged IIAS members.

"The fact that the international economy is facing numerous challenges in prompting more and more members to apply for membership in the IIAS," Dr. Kaiser said, noting that the global economy was being steered by international public administration in cooperation with national administration.

Asked to comment on IIAS's experience in the development of Arab administrative techniques and major problems hindering its development, Dr. Kaiser praised the recent developments in administrative sciences and techniques. "But despite these developments," the Arab World still needs new ideas and concepts to render it capable of dealing with the area's political and economic situation. Also it needs to originate concepts to suit its own needs and not to adopt ideas that have been developed abroad, Dr. Kaiser concluded.

Board continues discussions

The ISIA board of directors held further discussions on Wednesday to prepare for the forthcoming 20th international congress on administrative sciences.

The ISIA board of directors made several amendments to the agenda of the congress which was discussed at the opening session on Tuesday. Seven committees, formed on Tuesday to draw up plans and recommendations to the congress, met on Wednesday at the Jordan Institute of Public Administration.

Committee reports will be submitted to a broader meeting scheduled for today at the University of Jordan to define the ISIA's plans for the forthcoming year.

Delegates to the congress later visited Yarmouk University in Irbid where they were briefed by its President Mohammad Hamdan on its future plans and goals.

Sudan thanks Jordan for relief, medical aid to famine victims

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's assistance to Sudan and the Kingdom's continued efforts to save the victims of drought and famine in that country are being appreciated by the Sudanese government and people and serve as an example of brotherly feelings and cooperation which should characterise inter-Arab relations, the former prime minister of Sudan and President of the Sudanese Medical Association (SMA) Al Jazouli Daffallah said on Wednesday.

Speaking in an interview with the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Dr. Daffallah, who is paying a visit to Jordan at the head of a medical delegation, said that Jordanian medical teams and other missions are now supervising the distribution of relief supplies and carrying out agricultural projects in stricken areas, which he described as exemplary work.

The Sudanese government, he said, is now taking measures to stimulate the national economy but it is facing accumulating debts which impede development. The economies of the Third World are closely linked to those of advanced nations and if nothing is done to revive the economies of the poor there can be no chance for the survival of world economy, Dr. Daffallah said. He added that the debts of Sudan and other Third World nations should be rescheduled to maintain the momentum of development.

Problems in the south

In his statement, Dr. Daffallah referred to the Sudanese government's contacts with the leader of the secessionist movement and the rebels in south Sudan. He said that the rebel leader was called on to participate in finding solutions to Sudan's problems and to open dialogue leading to the solution of the problem in the south but the offer was turned down.

A solution to the problem of the south, he said, could come



Al Jazouli Daffallah

through a general conference grouping the rebels and the government in Khartoum.

Dr. Daffallah, who arrived in Amman on Monday evening at the invitation of the Jordanian Medical Association (JMA), was received by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Touqan Hindawi and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Sami Judeh. They reviewed relations between Jordan and Sudan and the assistance Sudan is receiving from Jordan to help it overcome its present difficulties. Dr. Daffallah voiced his country's appreciation and gratitude for the assistance.

On Tuesday, the Sudanese medical delegation and Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Tuesday held talks on health cooperation between Jordan and Sudan.

Dr. Daffallah paid tribute to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for leading a campaign to dispatch medical and relief assistance to the Sudanese people. The head of the delegation also commended Jordanian medical teams for the valuable services they have extended to the victims of drought and famine in Sudan. On Monday, Jordan dispatched its seventh team of medical staff and cargo of relief supplies to the Sudanese people.

King receives Egyptian message

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Based on Mr. Murphy's assessment, Mr. Shultz will decide whether to visit the area and join the Israeli-Egyptian summit, U.S. officials said in Washington.

Mr. Peres said Mr. Murphy was also in the region to "find out how solid is the common ground for convening a new stage in the peace process... we are trying to formulate a strategy for the next two or three years to come."

Mr. Peres said one proposal Mr. Murphy was discussing was the possibility of a joint peace declaration which would be released at the end of the Peres-Mubarak meeting.

Mr. Peres and Mr. Mubarak have both said they would like to discuss broader Middle East peace issues at a summit, but Mr. Shamir has said the meeting should focus on bilateral matters.

Mr. Peres dismissed the idea of a preliminary Middle East conference involving only the five

permanent members of the U.N. Security Council.

"It would be like a wedding where only mothers-in-law are meeting among themselves without the bride and groom, and it is not so sure that some of the mothers-in-law are seriously interested in the wedding itself," he joked.

The Israeli daily Yediot Achronot reported Mr. Peres was seeking Mr. Murphy's help in launching a three-part peace strategy at the planned summit with Mr. Mubarak.

According to Mr. Peres' plan, he and Mr. Mubarak would publish a joint statement calling on Jordanian and Palestinian representatives to join peace talks, Yediot reported. It said the statement would also include a call for an international conference on the Middle East, and the convening of a committee composed of representatives of all the sides involved to prepare the conference.

Families, institutions share the burden of dealing with schizophrenia

By Sana Atiyeh
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — There are 20,000 people in Jordan who suffer from schizophrenia — a mental illness in which the patient is so out of contact with reality that his ideas and behaviour are not within the norms of society — and some of the symptoms are thought disorders, perceptual disorders, disturbance of moods, disturbance of self-control and incoherence, according to Dr. Wahid Sarhan, a psychiatrist at the Ministry of Health.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Dr. Sarhan said that the average incidence of schizophrenic illness is one per cent of the population in every country in the world. He said that patients in Jordan, however, have an advantage over those in the West because of closer family relations. He said: "In the West, the families usually rely on government services for their relatives who are in need of care. In Jordan, the families are usually more protective. Also in the rural areas of Jordan, where there are many schizophrenic patients, the patient can cope with daily life and work in the fields normally; there are not many people to deal with, so there is little human contact and involvement."

He added that families are still reluctant to take a schizophrenic relative to doctors. Instead, they would rather go to see a sheikh or a magician for a cure, thinking of it superstitiously. So they seek professional help at a very late stage, when treatment becomes more difficult.

Contributory factors

The psychiatrist said that the causes of schizophrenia are not definitely known, but studies have shown that the social environment

and instability may contribute to the illness. There are also biochemical changes which may occur in the brain, and it may be hereditary, although it is still not clear how it is transferred from generation to generation. He made it clear that each patient's illness differs from another's, so there are no definite causes of the illness. The doctor went on to say that the intelligence of the patients is usually not affected by the illness and that they usually give political and religious explanations for their false, fixed beliefs and odd behaviour.

Facilities in Jordan

The doctor mentioned the problem of facilities and staff in this field, not only in Jordan but also in the West. He said that before 1967 there were no services for mental health patients in the East Bank of Jordan and the only hospital treating such cases was in Bethlehem. After 1967, the Ministry of Health opened the National Centre for Mental Health in Fuhais and immediately took in 100 patients. Dr. Sarhan said that the patient to staff ratio is still too high. "There are only four psychiatrists and six social workers at the Ministry of Health. We lack specialised staff here, but this is also a problem faced in the West. In Britain, for example, where I studied, they depended on foreign specialists for a long time. But there are 15 resident doctors at the National Centre for Mental Health who are specialising in psychiatry, and the ministry has been working very hard to provide sufficient facilities," he added.

The new extension to the centre, which can accommodate up to 230 patients and which has been ready for almost two years, is still not housing patients from the old hospital in Fuhais because of financial difficulties, according to the psychiatrist.

Dr. Sarhan said that admitting a patient to a hospital is always a last resort. "Some patients stay in a hospital from one week to several years and some may not leave at all depending on the patient's progress. Institutionalisation has been a problem observed throughout history all over the world. The patients sit around the hospital doing nothing; they are fed, cleaned, dressed, and so on, and they don't want to go out again. Now, at the Karameh Hospital for Mental Health, they have begun a rehabilitation programme where patients will be stimulated and trained to care for themselves and to work in jobs other than the fields they may have studied in their past," he said.

Visit to Karameh hospital

As a visitor enters Karameh Hospital, he can see patients pacing the spacious lobby, some speaking to themselves or to others, some laughing out loud or grinning to themselves and some totally withdrawn from their surroundings. There are 80 out of 100 men, mostly between the ages of 30 and 39, in this hospital who suffer from schizophrenia, according to Dr. Hassan Ra'fat, director of the Karameh Hospital and the National Centre for Mental Health.

Psychotherapy, family therapy, group therapy and especially drug therapy — not only sedatives but also specific anti-psychotic action drugs — are used as treatment for patients residing at the Karameh Hospital. There are also few rehabilitation methods used such as handicrafts; plastic flowers, stuffed dolls, woodwork and worry beads. "Some of the patients also work at nearby factories and return in the evening," said Dr. Ra'fat. "This rehabilitation method is very

important in that it makes the patient feel productive and feel part of society. It has helped some of the patients, but most of them relapse and discontinue their work," he added.

Case histories

Not all patients at the Karameh Hospital are so withdrawn that one cannot communicate with them. Three schizophrenic patients spoke to the Jordan Times about their feelings, beliefs, and experiences. One patient, 45 years old and who has been hospitalized for six years, thinks he is the most important person in the world and that everyone knows him. S.R. studied hotel management in Lebanon and West Germany and worked for a number of five-star hotels in Jordan and abroad. After living in Latin America for some years, he returned to Jordan. "I realised everyone here hated me: my family, friends, and everyone in the streets. I felt I was the dirtiest person in the world. Then I killed two people because I thought they were conspiring against me. And I was brought here by a court order," he said.

S.R. spoke in fragments and jumped from one idea to another. He explained his political feeling concerning the problems in the Middle East. He feels, for example, that he started the civil war in Lebanon. He also thinks he was behind the Watergate scandal in 1972 and believes that he will be cured when the Middle East problem is solved. S.R. thinks that women played a major part in his illness. (The patient is divorced with three children who are with their mother.) "I need the right woman to come and get me out of this place," he added.

Dr. Ra'fat said S.R. was mentally ill before coming to Jordan and did not receive psychiatric help. According to the

doctor, when the patient killed those two people, he thought his problems would be finished, but it only increased his illness with more guilt feelings. "We try to make his illness less severe by increasing his self-esteem and try to make him work outside the hospital. He worked for a couple of years for a plastic company, but relapsed and didn't want to continue. He was recently offered another job, but he refused it because he wants to work in his field. But he participates in our board meetings, and offers suggestions to improve the hospital," said Dr. Ra'fat.

Another interesting patient refuses to accept his illness. A.M. 42, said: "I don't have such a big psychological problem that I have to stay in the hospital, but my family brought me here. In fact, there is no such thing as psychological illness. This concept was only created by a Godless Jew called Sigmund Freud." A.M. came to the hospital in 1982 because he had social, personal, and adaptation problems. He did his GCE exams in Jerusalem, then worked in a hotel as an accountant for two years, and later worked in a bank for another two years. "But I had to quit because the situation was getting bad. I then went to Turkey to enter the university, but I couldn't pass the entrance exams. I came to Amman and had to work as a labourer. I couldn't last very long like this so I quit again," he continued. Dr. Ra'fat

said that A.M. is a very intelligent man, and tries to manipulate and influence other patients. "He usually chooses mute patients to speak to and tries to persuade people of his ideas and beliefs," he said.

The third patient who spoke briefly and with difficulty is a 32 year old bashful man who worked as a tailor, S.H. explained his beliefs: "I love everyone, but the problem is that people don't love me another. I believe everyone should live in harmony and peace. I felt that God brought me to the world to send humanity a message. But now I'm more realistic. I'm still a strong believer but I accept other people's point of view," he said.

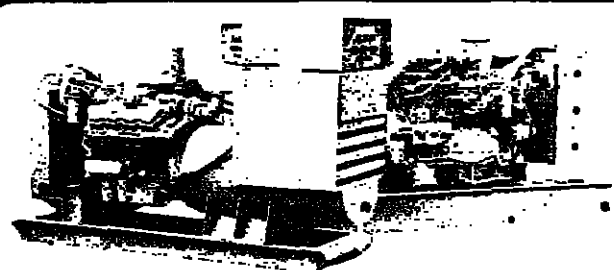
Dr. Ra'fat said that S.H. was very withdrawn a year ago and could not carry on a conversation for more than five minutes. "But now he's become more sociable with other patients, and he is one of the calmest men in this hospital," added Dr. Ra'fat. "But his odd behaviours, such as constantly walking back and forth would be unbearable outside," the doctor added. S.H. said before going out of the doctor's office: "Love, peace, and harmony is between our hands and we should make life revolve around them, instead of abusing these good qualities. We can balance technology and love and all nations can unite. With love and peace, this world would be a much better place in which to live."

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British publishers dip into risky instant book market

By Raymond Gijzen
Reuter

LONDON — The day after American fighter planes attacked Libya last April, several freelance writers rang a London publishing company with suggestions for a quick book analysing the event.

Pluto Press, a small left-wing publishing house, did a deal with them and a team of authors swooped into action. Three weeks later, 7,000 copies of a 170-page paperback entitled "Mad Dogs - The U.S. raids on Libya" were ready to go on sale.

Publishers here are continuously producing books like "Mad Dogs", appropriately called "instant" books, in the hope that extensive media-coverage on an event has created a ready market for a book on the subject.

"The raid on Libya caused an outcry in Britain. 'Mad Dogs' was the only book around reflecting a view opposing the government... the book was

geared to the moment, it did really well," Jenny Landreth of Pluto told Reuters.

This year's crop of "instants" so far includes books on the British cabinet crisis over the Westland helicopter takeover, developments in newspaper publishing, the Chernobyl nuclear accident and the royal wedding of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson.

Chess lovers will not have to wait long for the definitive record of the world championship currently contested by Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov: bookshops are already advertising a move-by-move account to be published soon.

Producing the books is a hectic undertaking. Pluto virtually had to suspend all other activity while preparing the "Mad Dogs" book, Jenny Landreth said.

The fast lane of book publishing is also highly risky. "The problem for a publisher is whether the topic is going to last long enough," said Anthony Mott, publisher of

Bentam Books.

Instant books date quickly and only have a short period to sell.

"The writer has the technology and we, the publishers, can also move faster than in the past... but an instant book is still more expensive, you have to budget higher unit costs, printing facilities have to be made available. Normally, the book business is not so rushed," Mott said.

"The publisher still has to ask the basic question: Is the book going to sell enough to make money and to justify disturbing the normal routine?"

"I would say that, in our case, an edition of less than 25,000 copies isn't worth it," Mott said, adding that during the past year he decided against books on the Chernobyl and Challenger space shuttle disasters because he felt a longer-term view was needed in both cases.

"This book is a snapshot of a set of events that have been moving at high speed... by the time of publication, there will already be

much that proves to be out of focus..." wrote the authors of a 300-page paperback entitled "Eddie Shah and the Newspaper Revolution."

The book, coinciding with the launch this spring of Britain's new mass-circulation colour tabloid "Today", showed the new paper's creator Eddie Shah in a fighting mood on the cover. Within months, the picture was blurred by disappointing sales and Shah's decision to relinquish control of Today.

"Instant books should be bought and read instantly," said Nigel Hawkes, one of six journalists at The Observer newspaper who teamed up for a 250-page book on the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, "The Worst Accident in the World - Chernobyl: The End of the Nuclear Dream."

"I am not saying our book is a profound piece of scholarly work, it's a reportage," he said. Chernobyl "was a confusing event. Even if you'd made clippings, you would

have missed a lot of the Russian press stories... we have brought this together for interested people."

Apart from the money, producing an instant book was "very good fun to do," Hawkes said. And the research done for the book uncovered stories for the newspaper which otherwise might not have come up, he said.

Pan Books and William Heinemann, joint publishers of the book, are still unsure about final sales figures of the edition of 50,000 copies. "It wasn't exactly rushed off the shelves," said Pan publishing director Jacqueline Graham, noting sales would be evaluated after six months.

But last month's flurry of books on Britain's royal wedding appears to have been absorbed well with the wedding boosting even further the already seemingly insatiable appetite here for things royal.

David Williamson of Debbert's, a five-year-old biographical publication on Britain's nobility,

says he started research on Sarah Ferguson's background in January, some two months before Buckingham Palace announced her engagement to Prince Andrew. "I had a hunch," Williamson said.

A month after the announcement in March, Debbert's book of the royal engagement was on sale, with less than three months to go before the wedding would make it redundant.

When the wedding came on July 22, a final chapter was added and three days later, the re-edited engagement book started rolling off the printers as Debbert's royal wedding book — one of several super-fast large-format wedding picture books.

"Royal books are almost guaranteed to sell well," said a spokeswoman for Coronet Books, which produced a 50,000-copy edition of a 160-page paperback entitled "Royal Romance", and is considering a reprint.

Randa Habib's Corner

Have a long weekend

THERE is talk that the government is currently studying the possibility of a two-day weekend.

The prospect of a two-day weekend sounds exciting but the whole issue should be considered with care and less haste.

First, there is the question of which days for the weekend. Thursday and Friday would mean that we would be cut from the rest of the world for full four days — from Wednesday afternoon until Monday morning, a prospect that would not suit businessmen and bankers. A Friday-Saturday weekend would therefore be more appropriate and convenient.

Second, there is the question of working hours. At the moment the public sector puts in 36 hours of work a week, six hours daily, while the private sector puts in more than 40 hours a week. This could be uniformed to a 5-day, 35-hour working week. Such shortened week hours, if adopted, would contribute to reduce unemployment.

Third, there is the big question of what would people do during a two-day long weekend. People, especially men, are often heard saying that they get bored on Fridays and holidays. Entertainment in the country is very limited. Going out for food or fun is also very expensive in this country. No average family can afford a weekend meal for the family at a decent restaurant. The few places which offer entertainment are very expensive and their services are not up to standard.

With all the recent talk about the role of the private sector, entertainment is a huge field for investment. Restaurants, swimming pools, theatre and domestic tourism are all areas of immense importance for an extended weekend to work and to be enjoyable.

Reality: An invention of the brain

By Thomas Saum

A THEORY is gaining ground in neurobiology that breaks completely with the world view commonly held by many scientists. In the past, experts have been convinced that humans and other highly advanced creatures register the "external world" in a totally or partially realistic fashion in their brains. The currently developing theories on so-called "self-organisation," however, claim that this "Weltbild" is incorrect. These "constructivists" maintain that the brain neither reflects nor reproduces reality: it creates a reality of its own.

The "new" biological tenet, the direct predecessors of which go back to the turn of the century, was developed by the two Chilean scientists Maturana and Varela in the late 1970s. Their theory has now been further developed in West Germany by a group of biologists at Bremen University. Headed until recently by Gerhard Roth, their institutional-like research has been focused on the "biosystem" for the past eight years. Roth, who holds doctorates in philosophy and biology, has

been a professor of behavioural physiology for the last ten years. He has been snowed under with invitations ever since he published his theories in an essay in *Cesalpi Theoria* in late 1985.

In another essay, Roth writes that in the past the "aesthetico-psychological problem" was most commonly held by both laypersons and scientists. This train of thought claims that the sensory organs reproduce the world at least partially and convey this image to the brain where it is then reassembled (reconstructed) in a uniform concept. In other words, this theory maintains that the sense organs are the brain's gateway to the world.

In order to illustrate clearly the incorrectness of this view, Roth suggests that the perspectives be exchanged: If one looks at the problem of perception from the brain's angle, instead of the sense organs, a very different picture suddenly emerges. Unlike the sense organs, the brain merely receives uniform and basically homogenous bioelectric signals from the nerve tracks. It is capable of determining the intensity of the

sensory agitation by the frequency of these signals, but this is all it can do. The signals provide no information on the quality of the stimulation, for instance, on whether an object is red or green. Indeed, they do not even say anything about the modality of the stimulus, i.e. whether it is an optical, acoustic, or chemical stimulation.

The constructivists believe that the brain is a self-contained system. Its only access to the world consists of the uniform code of the nerve signals which have nothing in common with the original stimuli. Since the brain has no original image, it cannot possibly "reproduce" reality; it has to create it itself. "It (the brain) has to reconstruct the diversity of the outside world from the uniform language of the neurones (nerve cells)," Roth claims. The brain accomplishes this task by "interpreting itself," i.e. by constructing what is going on inside itself. Thus, the brain "draws conclusions" from the degree to which it is agitated by the modality of the original stimulus: all neuronal impulses reaching the occipital cortex, for example, are

visual impressions.

This isolated nature of the brain and its reality, however, are by no means a blunder on the part of nature; indeed, they are not even a necessary evil, Roth explains. On the contrary, it is an adaptive advantage acquired by more highly developed creatures during the course of their phylogenetic development. If the brain had direct access to the environment, Roth argues, then one and the same stimulus would necessarily always result in one and the same reaction by the organism.

Only in this way is it possible to recognise an object in different light intensities, from a new angle of vision, or at a distance. Even experiments with "reversal spectacles" demonstrate man's powers of adaptation in interpreting reality: after a little while, test persons, who see the world upside down with special glasses, simply turn their environment around again in their "mind." When, after a few days, they remove the spectacles, the "recall" world suddenly seems to be standing on its head.

— The German Research Service, Bonn.

U.N. official says U.S. misguided on family planning

By Jim Abrams
The Associated Press

PEKING — The United States' withholding of money from a United Nations population control programme is indirectly contributing to abortion in China, a U.N. specialist said Sept. 2.

"The more modern contraceptives we introduce the less abortions there will be," said A. Laquian, head of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) in China. "If the United States is interested in reducing abortion, they should support our programme."

The U.S. Agency for International Development recently decided to withhold all \$25 million it had earmarked for the population programme in 1986. The fund, budgeted for \$131 million, operates in China and 130 other countries.

American opponents of contributions to the fund claim China's strict population control programme, which limits most couples to one child, includes forced abortions and involuntary sterilisation. In 1985, the United States reduced its planned contribution of \$46 million by \$10

million to protest China's population policies.

Laquian said Japan and some Scandinavian countries had pledged additional funds to help compensate for the loss of U.S. money, but that across-the-board cuts were being made in programmes.

Funds for China would be sliced from \$10 million to \$8.5 million, he said, "but the main countries that suffer are India, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Pakistan." The Americans, he said, "are trying to punish China but they're punishing other countries."

China, he noted, spends about \$1 billion a year on population programmes, with a staff of 2,000 at the state Family Planning Commission.

China's foreign ministry repeated on Sept. 1 its charge that the U.S. measures interfered in the internal affairs of China.

"The attempt of a certain country to pressure the U.N. Fund for Population Activities into changing its purposes and orientation or even interfere with the population policy of a sovereign state by withholding contributions to the organisation runs counter to the norms

governing international relations," the ministry said in a statement.

Laquian also repeated the U.N. position that it opposes abortion and in no way participates in the management of China's birth control policies.

He said about one-third of the \$50-million budget to China for the next five years will go for material and child health programmes, including establishment of two masters-level training centres for family planners.

The UNFPA also is involved in research on a male contraceptive pill and on the failure rates and side-effects of various contraceptives, and in providing technology for condom and IUD factories.

Another \$8 million is to go to communications and education, such as providing audio-visual equipment and assisting in media campaigns on the use of birth control devices.

The fund also sends 20 Chinese abroad every year to study demography, provides computers throughout the country to help in demographic studies and does separate studies on such problems

as the aging society and improving women's status.

Laquian, who has travelled widely in China, said that by Western standards, there is coercion in China's birth control programme, just as there is coercion in many aspects of Chinese society.

But he said there is also a "very democratic decision-making process" in the dividing up of quotas that determine how many babies a village or urban work unit is allowed in a certain period.

The communal decision on who will be allowed a child, reached after much debate, is binding on everyone, he said, and women with unauthorised pregnancies jeopardise the entire group's well-being. Groups that go over their quotas are not entitled to extra funding for kindergartens.

Anti-abortion groups in the United States and other countries have objected strongly over reports of how Chinese women are pressured by officials and neighbourhood family planning groups to have abortions.

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Aouita's 4th world best bid ends in failure

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (R) — A combination of erratic pacemaking and apparent lack of ambition on the part of the principal player led to Said Aouita's fourth attempt on a world mark this year again ending in disappointment.

Aouita, world record holder over 1,500 and 5,000 metres, has already narrowly missed the world 3,000 best twice this season and Tuesday night was his second attempt on Briton Steve Cram's world mile record of three minutes 46.32 seconds.

The 25-year-old Moroccan missed Cram's mark by just over four seconds in West Berlin last month but, undeterred, had decided on a further assault at an international athletics meeting here.

His announcement was received with a little scepticism. "He seems to want to break a world record every time he steps on to the track," one veteran of the European circuit said.

Whatever Aouita's motives, the attempt seemed doomed from the start.

The 10-man field was caught by surprise when the gun went off

prematurely and it seemed an eternity before Senegal's Mustapha Mbaye shuffled to the front to make the early pace.

Mbaye is hardly a household name among pacemakers and he seemed to have no conception of the tempo required, taking the field through the first quarter in 57.91 seconds then slowing down disastrously to 1:57.05 at the halfway stage.

The more experienced Sudanese Omar Khalifa attempted to inject some much needed urgency into the third lap, but any thoughts of a world record had long since gone and the only interest in the final lap appeared to be the battle for second place.

The struggle for minor honours almost became a fight for first place when Spaniard Jose-Luis Gonzalez, whose lack of self belief seemed to be as total as Aouita's overwhelming self confidence,

made a late bid for glory. The Moroccan held on to finish first in 3:51.86.

The time was second this year only to Aouita's own 3:50.33 in West Berlin but must be counted as a failure.

Aouita later professed himself unworried by his failure to threaten Cram's record. Contrary to earlier statements this year, he said he had no intention of meeting Cram, although he did plan to run a 2,000 metres at the Ivo Van Damme Grand Prix meeting in Brussels on Friday.

Ed Moses, the American with more consecutive victories in his discipline than any athlete, extended his unbeaten run in the

men's 400 metres hurdles to 118 at the Lausanne international meeting Tuesday night.

Moses, the world and Olympic champion and world record holder, never looked remotely extended as he strode majestically over the 10 barriers in 47.38 seconds.

The time was the fastest in the world this year and the 35th time Moses had broken 48 seconds. Canadian Ben Johnson, the Commonwealth champion, continued his triumphant season in style with an effortless win in the men's 100 metres.

Johnson, conqueror of Olympic and world champion Carl Lewis

on three occasions this year and the fastest man ever at sea level, clocked 10.19 seconds although he was slowing perceptibly over the last few metres.

Xenia Siska, the experienced Hungarian, recorded a fine victory in the 100 metres hurdles over Olympic champion Benita Fitzgerald-Brown of the United States. Siska clocked 12.86 seconds with Fitzgerald-Brown a well-beaten second in 13.05.

Evelyn Ashford of the United States, the Olympic champion and world record holder, looked in the prime form for the end of the northern season when she clocked 11.14 in the women's 100 metres.

Karpov calls time-out for health reasons

LENINGRAD, USSR (AP) — Anatoly Karpov called a time-out Wednesday before the second half of his challenge to world chess champion Garry Kasparov. A match official said Karpov cited health reasons.

The time-out postponed the opening of play here until Friday.

Match rules specified that only health reasons could be cited for taking a time-out before the resumption of play in the Soviet Union with the 13th game.

The match has moved from London, where Kasparov built a lead of 6½ points to a 5½ points after 12 games.

Bob Wade, a British international master who is a match arbiter, said Karpov had a certificate from a match doctor citing "respiratory problems" as his reason for wanting a time-out.

He said the time-out was allowed, and the 13th game was postponed. Opening ceremonies for the Leningrad half of the championship also were moved to Friday.

Becker, Navratilova extend wins

NEW YORK (R) — Sixteenth seed Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia upset second-seeded Mats Wilander of Sweden 6-7 (3-7), 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 Tuesday at the U.S. Open where Boris Becker and Martina Navratilova also advanced.

Sweden's Joakim Nystrom, the seventh seed, advanced with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 6-2 victory over American Matt Anger in a fourth-round match.

The third-seeded Becker was pushed by unseeded American Gary Donnelly to four sets, before the 19-year-old West German, who says he has to feel the pressure to play well, felt the pressure and won 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4.

Navratilova, the top women's seed at this \$3.5 million tournament, beat her doubles partner, compatriot American Pam Shriver, 6-2, 6-4 in a quarterfinal match.

Third-seeded Steffi Graf of West Germany breezed to a 6-3, 6-1 victory over eighth-seeded American Bonnie Gadusek in just 47 minutes. Graf must now face Navratilova in the semifinals.

Becker, who last year at 17 became the youngest player to win the men's title at Wimbledon and won again this year, took five straight games to win the first set and take a 2-0 lead in the second set. He strung together another five games giving him the set and a 3-0 lead in the third set.

At that point the Becker steamroller started to sputter. He was up 3-1 but double faulted, and Donnelly, a qualifier ranked 211th in the world, drew to 6-6 to force a tiebreaker, which he won by racking up the last five points.

But Becker got rolling again, broke Donnelly's service in the first game of the last set, and fired a second-serve ace to close out the

match and reach the quarterfinals. Mecir, who beat Stefan Edberg of Sweden at Wimbledon but lost to Becker in the quarterfinals, changed his usual baseline game and attacked the net.

"I played bad from the baseline in the first set and he was playing well, so I had to go to the net," the 22-year-old Mecir said.

Mecir is deceptively quick. He almost looks sleepy on the court and will rally for a long time. But then all of a sudden he will hit a bullet for a winner.

"It's tough to read his shots," Wilander said. "It seems he's playing with slow speeds and then all of a sudden he speeds it up."

"He makes you play bad and that's why you lose to him,"

Wilander said. "For me it's not a big upset. But for the people it is, because he isn't well known."

Navratilova, and the fifth-seeded Shriver exchanged service breaks in the first set to make it 2-2. But Navratilova broke Shriver twice more taking the next four games to win the set 6-2.

Navratilova, a two-time winner here — 1983 and 1984 — broke the 24-year-old Shriver in the seventh game of the second set from deuce and won the match on serve.

Graf, who has had a virtual picnic in her three matches, was simply overwhelming in despatching Gadusek. The second set lasted just 18 minutes.

THE Daily Crossword by James R. Byrne

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5- Ahmad Salim Fanash	Rabiah	Owner	Sead	54.5
6- Mohammad A. El Naby	Almahon	Owner	Yousef	51.5
7- Sulman A. Rawwaa	Ghazlan	Owner	A. Jabir	51.5
8- Khalaf Yousef	El Ahmady	Owner	Salim	50
9- Ala Ahmad	Z. Maen	Owner	A. Jagheef	50
10- Khalid M. El Faleh	Jarah	Owner	Salim	50
11- Sulman Salman	Talla	Owner	Kasim	50
12- Meshour F.A. Jnab	S. El Arab	Owner	Sulman	50
13- Sakir Fahad	Moghriah	Owner	Rashed	48.5
14- Mousa M. Khair	Sahab	Owner	Ahmad	48.5

SECOND RACE 4.30 FOR BEGINNER HORSES DISTANCE 1600 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Faisal Awwad El Faleh	Nalith	Owner	Saad	54.5
2- Bahar Hassan	Inisrah	Owner	Ibrahim	51.5
3- Samy Haddadin	Jarih	Owner	George	50
4- Samy Haddadin	Yamamih	Owner	Kasim	48.5
5- Nimir El Hmoud	Midan	Owner	Mahmoud	50
6- Nimir El Hmoud	El Ghool	Owner	Sulman	50
7- Nimir El Hmoud	Borkan	Owner	Thameen	50
8- Nimir El Hmoud	Aghadeer	Owner	A. Jabir	48.5
9- Khalil Haddadin	El Haryi	Owner	Mostaf	50
10- Samy Yacoub Madros	A. El Fawans	Adnan	Yousef	50

THIRD RACE 5.00 FOR BEGINNER HORSES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Mikdad Hassan Innab	Jada	Owner	Paul	56
2- Ahmad Hila	Z. Jawah	Owner	Mostafa	56
3- Ibrahim Mohammad	R. Munser	Owner	Sulman	56
4- Murad Ahmad Shawky	M. Ahmad	Owner	Yousef	54.5
5- Yousef Khalil	Bashayer	Owner	Rashed	51.5
6- Mohammad Khalid El Faleh	Jawahir	Owner	Almad	51.5
7- Mostafa Haj A. El Kareem	M. El Khair	Owner	George	50
8- Subhy Abboud Nafie	Salif Raad	Owner	George	50
9- Ghalib A. Jabir	M. Zaid	Owner	Ibrahim	50
10- Ihsab Mohammad	Assal	Owner	A. Jabir	50
11- Mohammad Salman	M. Salman	Owner	Mwatak	48.5
12- Waleed Mohammad	Hala	Owner	A. Amarah	48.5
13- Ibrahim Fah	Zaratah	Owner	El Daham	48.5

FOURTH RACE 5.30 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 1400 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	El Ashkar	Ibrahim	Ibrahim	50
2- H.H. Late Sherif Nasir Stable	El Hmaydy	Ibrahim	Ibrahim	58
3- Faisal Awwad El Faleh	K. El Molook	Owner	Batda	57
4- Mishaal El Faleh	Hamdany	Owner	Mousa	56
5- Jamal Mohammad El Zabin	Kawabib	Owner	Mwatak	53
6- Oudh El Kaisy	El Motanaby	Hussain	Mahmoud	53
7- Hany K. Beharat	Min Kareem	Adnan	Saad	57
8- Ziad Samy Yacoub	Raad	Owner	George	50
9- Samy Haddadin	Batal	Owner	Kasim	50
10- Ghalib Haddadin	Tarik	Owner	Yousef	50
11- Ghalib Haddadin				

FIFTH RACE 6.00 FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES DISTANCE 2000 METRES

Owner	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Weight
1- Hany Kamel Bsharat	L. El Basar	Hussain	Mahmoud	60
2- Khalil Haddadin	Diwan	Owner	Yousef	56
3- Khalil Haddadin	H. Maen	Owner	Mostafa	50
4- Hadeel H. El Hadeed	Diana	Owner	A. Jabir	55.5
5- Mishaal El Faleh	A. El Taleb	Owner	Mousa	53
6- Ghalib Haddadin	H. El Nasir	Owner	Kasim	50
7- Faisal Awwad El Faleh	Shiharah	Owner	Ibrahim	51.5
8- Faisal Awwad El Faleh	Khatth	Owner	Saad	51.5
9- Samy Haddadin	Sahim	Owner	George	50

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SABIC increases output

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia's government-run factories produced 5.7 million tonnes of petrochemical and metal products during the first half of 1986, a large increase from 1985 when the total yearly production was 6.3 million tonnes, it was reported last week.

Statistics from the controlling organisation, Saudi Basic Industries Corp. (SABIC) also showed that 5.4 million of the 5.7 million tonnes were sold.

SABIC produced 2.92 million tonnes of chemicals, 741,000 tonnes of fertilizer, 499,000 tonnes of plastics, and 975,000 tonnes of steel during the half year.

SABIC produced 643,000 tonnes of other products, including sulphuric acid.

"Our increasing productivity shows that SABIC's manufacturing affiliates, a number of them newly on-stream last year, are now coming up to speed," SABIC vice chairman and managing director, Sheikh Ibrahim Salamah, reported.

In 1985, five new industrial projects came on stream, and contributed to the large rise in output. Most of these are joint ventures with foreign partners, including Exxon and Mobil, both of the United States.

SABIC enlisted joint venture partners when it began its multi-billion dollar programme in 1976 to build basic petrochemical and steel industries to begin industrialisation of Saudi Arabia.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.4948/58	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3870/75	Canadian dollars
	2.0360/70	West German marks
	2.2960/70	Dutch guilders
	1.6460/70	Swiss francs
	42.12/17	Belgian francs
	6.6700/50	French francs
	1404/1405	Italian lire
	155.12/22	Japanese yen
	6.8865/8915	Swedish crowns
	7.3000/50	Norwegian crowns
	7.7035/85	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	407.00/408.50	U.S. dollars

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURS., SEPT. 4, 1986

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You have considerable amounts of energy and some interesting ways to expend it. Maintain poise and your best judgment in carrying through with details.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get your work started early so that you please a bigwig. Avoid one who has an eye on your assets.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A clever and practical person can give you fine ideas, but study them well before you put them into motion.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study family funds and accounts and get them on a more secure and intelligent basis. Be happy.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Communicate with a good friend in business and set up a new course to follow.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) If you are more precise in handling financial matters, you can gain more assets and make life easier.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get the practical details of entertainment nicely handled. Listen to suggestions from your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be controlled in handling family affairs. Complete them before dashing off to other matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get that clever expert you know who can help you with a practical problem but be sure it works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A property matter can best be handled with the assistance of a prominent person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be more worldly in your approach now and get better results. Listen to the ideas of a new contact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Have a quiet meeting with advisors and get good results. Avoid those who are unpredictable.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Come to a decision about which friends and associates you want to retain in the future. Gain assistance.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, SEPT. 5, 1986

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The daytime brings the opportunity to get into all phases of whatever course of action you wish to make. You can bring your special capabilities into focus.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to have a wise discussion with fellow workers. Show more courtesy toward others and be happy.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Plan time to make arrangements with others for coming good times. Don't take any risks with your mate.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Handle matters that are important with kin. Don't have any arguments at home tonight.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Garner information you desire that can help to keep everything in order at home.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Study every phase of your monetary position and then you can improve it. Economize if necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make arrangements to see good friends at a charming place. Show more affection, loyalty and courtesy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan some happy times with the one of whom you are most fond. Don't permit a close tie to spoil your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you state your ideas to friends you can come to a far better understanding. Forget some bothersome message.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Confer with one who can assist you in some worldly affair that is important to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can have a most interesting talk with a recent acquaintance. Don't try to get your ideas across now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Good day to come to a fine understanding with your mate. Get some important business matter cleared up.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Come to the right decision about some association matter. Steer clear of a friend who is depressed.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be very precise in whatever he, or she, will be engaged in. Be sure that the right kind of education is given to add to the natural talents. The right decision will be made early as to which profession to follow. Support this decision with enthusiasm.

U.S. bank pegs interest rates to football teams

BROKEN ARROW, Oklahoma (R) — An Oklahoma bank has attracted more than \$200,000 in new deposits by pegging interest rates to college football win-loss records, encouraging fans to put their money where their cheering is.

A new three-year certificate of deposit offered by the First National Bank of Broken Arrow features an interest rate that rises or falls .05 per cent with each victory or loss of the depositor's favourite college team.

Mr. John Ayers, marketing director of the suburban Tulsa Bank, said the interest rate scale was natural for Oklahoma, a state which boasts several perennial collegiate football powers.

At the top of the scoreboard are the University of Oklahoma Sooners, the 1985 collegiate champions who are also ranked number one nationally going into

this year's season.

Depositors with loyalties to rival institutions can choose to put their cold cash behind less-flashy Oklahoma state, the University of Tulsa and the University of Arkansas.

The certificates' final interest rate paid to depositors is 9.95 per cent if a chosen football team wins all its games over three years.

If one of the teams should lose all its games — "impossible considering these teams," says Mr. Ayers — the interest rate would drop to 6.5 per cent.

Mr. Ayers said the deposit plan has forced many fans to reveal their true colours, at least privately to bank officials.

"A guy's favourite team will be Arkansas or Oklahoma state," Mr. Ayers said, "but he'll put his money behind the University of Oklahoma and ask us not to tell anybody."

Britoil fires 750 workers

LONDON (AP) — Britoil said Wednesday that because of the fall in oil prices it will fire almost one-third of its work force, 750 employees, to save £30 million (\$45 million) a year.

Mr. David Walker, Britoil's chief executive, said 600 jobs would go at the company's Glasgow headquarters and 150 at its offices in Aberdeen, the base for the North Sea oil industry.

Earlier this year Britoil, an exploration and production company, reduced its work force from 2,700 to 2,480.

"When this reduction is achieved, the company will have completed the introduction of a very substantial change in its style of management and operation," Mr. Walker said.

In a letter to employees, Mr. Walker said, "the fall in oil prices, which we believe will not be

long-lived but may not fully recover for several years, also leads us to defer some exploration and production investments."

North Sea oil, which went for \$28 a barrel last December, now costs about \$15 a barrel.

Mr. Walker said the layoffs would cost about £15 million (\$22.5 million) in compensation payments but would save the company £30 million (\$45 million) annually.

Ms. Jennifer Currell, 27, said she was permitted only to clean out her desk and then was escorted out of the Glasgow office Wednesday morning. "I am a systems programmer, and I suppose they could have thought I might have corrupted the system," she said.

"I'm just numb, and everybody is devastated," she said.

China amends labour rules

PEKING (AP) — China will introduce a contract system for workers at all state-run enterprises and grant the enterprises the power to dismiss workers who violate rules, the minister of labour and personnel said Tuesday.

The labour reforms were announced by Minister Zhao Dongwan to the standing committee of the National People's Congress, China's largely ceremonial legislature.

They are the latest step by the government to dismantle the "iron rice bowl" of guaranteed income and life-time job security regardless of performance, now the rule in most of China's factories and offices.

Beginning Oct. 1, state enterprises will use a contract system in hiring all new workers except for demobilised military personnel, the official Xinhua News Agency quoted Mr. Zhao as saying.

Under the contract system, workers contract to do jobs for state-owned enterprises.

The contract system was first tried in southern China's Shenzhen special economic zone in 1981. China now has 3.5 million contract workers, accounting for five per cent of its total industrial

work force.

Xinhua did not say why demobilised military personnel would not be under the contract system. China has been trying to demobilise and integrate some one million servicemen into civilian life to streamline the People's Liberation Army.

Mr. Zhao said the contract system will change the practice of assigning workers through administrative means to life-long jobs at enterprises and will give both enterprises and workers more freedom of choice.

New regulations authorise enterprises to dismiss workers who violate Communist Party discipline or work rules and show no improvement after "education and disciplinary sanctions," Xinhua said.

Dismissed workers will have the right to appeal to a local arbitrating organisation or court if they believe their dismissal was unjustified, Mr. Zhao said.

Labour and personnel departments should help dismissed workers find new jobs or organise themselves to become self-employed, Mr. Zhao said. The workers will be entitled to unemployment assistance while looking for new jobs.

Africa must choose between reform policies or famine, FAO report says

ABIDJAN (R) — Africa faces a stark agricultural choice of implementing simple reforms to boost output or suffering famine worse than the catastrophe which ended last year, according to a U.N. food agency report released Wednesday.

The report, entitled "African Agriculture — The Next 25 Years," says if current policies continue, the continent's food situation by the year 2010 would be far worse than at the height of the recent famine.

Alternatively, better producer prices and protection of the environment allied to international support and a budgetary emphasis on farming could allow Africa to feed itself.

The report, drawn up by the Rome-based United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), paints a picture of devastation on the continent unless reforms are introduced to reverse a decline in per capita food output.

"If current trends were to continue, the food situation in Africa by the year 2010 would be worse than at the height of the 1983-85 famine," the report says.

"The situation that would arise

in less than 25 years time would be unsustainable — ecologically, economically and politically. It would also be unforgivable from a humanitarian viewpoint," it adds.

But the report, the main discussion document at a current FAO-sponsored meeting of African agriculture ministers in Ivory Coast's capital Yamoussoukro, says decline is not inevitable.

Introducing the report, FAO Director General Edouard Saouma says Africa can feed itself but that four actions are needed: Firstly, agriculture, on which few African countries spend more than 10 per cent of their budgets, must be given priority.

Secondly, a conservation strategy has to be introduced so that the pressures from Africa's burgeoning population do not create irreparable damage to the environment.

Thirdly, the international

community must back Africa by ending agricultural protectionism and directing their aid towards farming.

Finally, Mr. Saouma says improvements are needed in incentives, institutions and infrastructure.

More remunerative prices and increased inputs, especially fertilisers, are viewed as indispensable to improving output.

FAO officials have billed the Yamoussoukro meeting as a last-chance "food summit" for Africa in which participants will discuss how to implement recent commitments to agriculture given by the continent's heads of state.

The report gives detailed proposals on how to boost production.

A recurrent theme is the need to promote small-scale, simple-technology projects and to give more support to women, who produce most of Africa's staple food and provide much of its farm labour.

The report says the recent poor performance of African farming has not been caused by drought, although poor rains aggravated the situation.

It says African food output has slumped for six main reasons:

— A bias against agriculture in government policies;

— High population growth rates;

— A decline at the rate at which new land is being brought into cultivation;

— Static agricultural technology and low productivity;

— Accelerated decline of the environment;

— An unfavourable external economic environment.

Unless these mistakes are corrected, per capita food production would decline by 30 per cent over 25 years and only four countries would be net agricultural exporters by the year 2010 compared with 26 in 1979-81, the report says.

However, it points to marked increases in grain output in countries such as Mali and Zambia, where staple crops now receive as much support as export crops.

The report says a minimum growth rate in Africa's agricultural production of about three per cent per year is feasible but that even achieving this modest target will be hard.

Market shows confidence in OPEC accord

NEW YORK (OPECNA) — Oil futures rose Tuesday as the market gained confidence in the success of the OPEC accord to limit production that went into effect Monday.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, which opened Tuesday after a long holiday day, oil prices rose. West Texas intermediate crude settled one cent to 59 cents higher with October at \$16.46 a barrel.

Analysts said the prices went past last week's peaks and were the highest since May.

Heating oil was 1.17 cents to 1.43 cents higher, with October 45.76 cents a gallon, and leaded gasoline was 0.98 cents to 1.21 cents up, with October at 46.45 cents a gallon.

Meanwhile, Norwegian Oil Minister Arne Oslen and British Energy Secretary Peter Walker are to discuss their countries' oil production policies at a meeting in London next Wednesday.

Reuters quoted a Norwegian government spokesman as saying the two ministers would likely

discuss how production curbs by Norway might affect fields like Statfjord which surmount the Norwegian-British North Sea sector line.

The Norwegian government currently considering what action to take in support of the OPEC effort to stabilise the oil market.

Norwegian oil and energy ministry spokesman, Mr. Egil Hille, confirmed to OPECNA Tuesday that "confidential meetings" with six North Sea oil operators — Mobil, Phillips, B.P., Amoco, Statoil and Norsk Hydro — had been concluded, with a seventh company, Saga Petroleum, represented.

He added that he expected an announcement on Norwegian action in support of OPEC efforts to be made in the second half of September "in good time before OPEC's next conference on Oct. 6."

Since discussions started on Norway's proposed action following the Aug. 5 OPEC agreement in Geneva, there have been reports of U.S. attempts to influence Norway. American Energy Secretary John Herrington is expected in Norway this month.

In addition, U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the director of the Paris-based International Energy Agency, Ms. Helga Steeg, are both expected to hold "consultations" with the Norwegian government in Oslo this month.

Mr. Hille told OPECNA Tuesday that the Labour government in Norway was now in the process of seeking the views of other national political parties before taking the matter to parliament for a final decision.

Egypt raises prices

On the other hand, Egypt has raised prices for its crude oil exports by 50 per cent for the first half of September, a spokesman for the state-owned Egypt General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC) said Tuesday.

He said the price of its top quality Suez Blend and Ras Bahar crude had been raised to \$12.50 a barrel from \$12. Similar increases were announced for other grades.

Belayin will now sell for \$11.75 a barrel, Ras Badran for \$11.40 and Ras Gharib for \$10.50.

Suez Blend sold for only \$7 a barrel in July after eight successive

price cuts, but Egypt raised prices twice last month.

The latest price rise will help provide the government with badly-needed hard currency to meet payments on Egypt's foreign debt, estimated at \$3.8 billion.

A team from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is currently in Cairo to consider Egypt's request for balance of payments support and to review recent and proposed economic reforms.

Prime Minister Ali Lutfi leaves for Paris and London Wednesday to rally support for Egypt in its talks with the IMF.

Egyptian officials have said that falling oil prices might cost the country more than \$1 billion this year.

But Oil Minister Abdul Hadi Kandeel last month predicted world crude prices would rise to near \$20 a barrel by the end of the year, following efforts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to limit output.

Non-OPEC Egypt currently exports around 250,000 barrels per day (b/d). Production in the past few weeks was running at 350,000 b/d, an oil ministry official told Reuters.

Analysts predict higher price for gold, platinum

NEW YORK (R) — Gold, buoyed by strong gains in platinum prices, closed above \$400 an ounce here Tuesday for the first time in two-and-a-half years and Wall Street analysts see it continuing to climb in the short term.

Mr. Frederick Demler, an industry analyst with Drexel Burnham Lambert, said he saw gold prices rising to between \$435 and \$450 in the short term, citing the political turmoil in South Africa, strong Japanese demand,

the weak U.S. economy which could lead to lower interest rates, the possibility that inflation might pick up again and stable oil prices.

On Tuesday, gold for September delivery gained \$18.10 to \$405.70 an ounce on the New York Commodities Exchange, the highest since March 1984. Gold bullion was set at \$405.95 an ounce, up from Friday's \$387.80.

Gold for delivery in December, now the pacesetter month, closed up \$18.20 at \$411.50 an ounce while platinum prices rose by the

maximum permitted \$25 an ounce to \$651.30 an ounce for delivery in October on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Spot platinum jumped \$38.40 to \$663.20 an ounce.

Mr. Demler said platinum was "well overbought and due for a correction," but said he did not know when that might happen.

Mr. Bill Byers of Bear Stearns agreed.

"The bullish psychology has definitely taken over in platinum, since there's no evidence that the

South African situation has gotten worse," he said.

Although fears that South Africa might curb its precious metals exports in retaliation for economic sanctions started the rally in precious metals several weeks ago, analysts said other factors and the market's own momentum were now in play.

"Everybody is buying, professionals, retail investors, industrial customers," said a dealer at a major Swiss bank earlier.

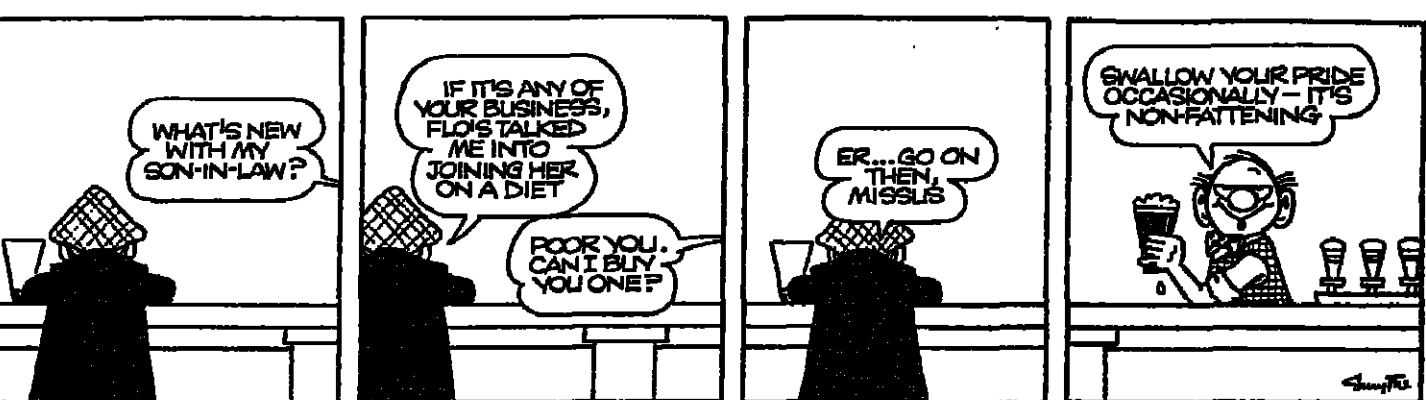
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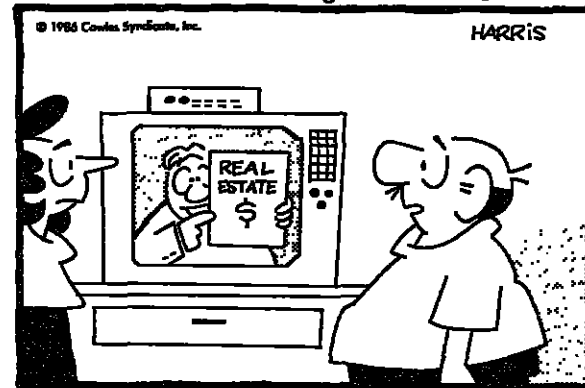


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Hopes fade for survival of missing in Soviet ship

MOSCOW (AP) — Divers worked on a sunken Soviet cruise ship Wednesday but hope diminished that any of 319 missing people would be found alive. A maritime official said the liner was rammed by a freighter, after the crews apparently failed to change their collision course.

But the official, Merchant Marine Ministry spokesman Igor M. Averin, and press reports said it was too early to assign blame for the sinking of the liner Admiral Nakhimov, in which 79 people were confirmed dead.

The vessel sank within 15 minutes of being rammed by the freighter Pyotr Vasyev near the Black Sea port of Novorossiysk late Sunday night, official reports said. It went down too fast to deploy lifeboats, officials said, adding that there were no injuries aboard the freighter.

Of the 1,234 people aboard, 836 were rescued from the Black Sea within 24 hours of the accident, and hope was fading that more would be found.

"There are no new figures to report," Mr. Averin said Wednesday afternoon.

He said divers were still working around the sunken

freighter and "the work will continue for a long time, as long as there is some hope."

The Communist Party daily Pravda said the vessel was resting on its starboard side in about 47 metres of water.

"As long as there is a shred of hope, people will do everything in their power to try to save people who may still be alive," said the newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya.

I hope and all of us hope that most of these passengers are still aboard the ship," said Deputy Merchant Marine Minister Leonid P. Nedyak at a news briefing Tuesday night.

But he added: "I believe that most of these passengers are still aboard the ship. Until the divers do their work it will be difficult to confirm this supposition."

Sunday marked the second time the 61-year-old, German-built ship has sunk. It first sank during

World War II, although conflicting reports say it either hit a Soviet mine or was struck by a Soviet torpedo. At the time, the ship was flying a Red Cross flag and carrying German refugees.

The government newspaper Izvestia quoted a crew member Tuesday night as saying the duty officer of the Admiral Nakhimov spotted the freighter and started trying to contact it by radio.

"We took its bearing and realised that the ship was to cross our path," said a man identified as steersman Smirnov. "After a certain break came the answer from Pyotr Vasyev: 'Don't worry. We shall steer clear of each other. We shall do what is needed.'"

Smirnov told Izvestia the call was repeated several minutes later and the crew of the freighter tried to reverse engines and avoid the collision at the last minute, "but it was too late."

But Sovetskaya Rossiya noted that "the freighter was visible to the duty crew of the Admiral Nakhimov all the time," and added: "It is not the time now to talk about the reason for the accident. This is a matter for specialists."

N. Zealand ship ban called Pacific Security setback

SUVA, Fiji (R) — New Zealand's decision to bar nuclear ships from its ports was a setback for security in the Pacific at a time of increased Soviet involvement in the region, British Armed Forces Minister John Stanley said.

Mr. Stanley, ending a four-day visit to Fiji Tuesday night, said the security situation in the South Pacific had been stable since the end of the World War II.

However, Wellington's ban on friendly nuclear ships was "something of a reversal in security terms at a time when the Soviet Union is increasing its own capability in the northern part of the Pacific."

"The main response to the Soviet development clearly must come from those countries who are around the border of the Pacific," Mr. Stanley told reporters.

He said Britain was unlikely to decide soon whether to recognise a treaty declaring the South Pacific a nuclear free zone, adding that other governments would first be consulted.

The 13-nation South Pacific Forum drew up the pact last month and said it would ask the five nuclear powers — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China — to recognise the treaty.

The treaty, if accepted by the big powers, would bind them to refrain from using, testing, manufacturing and storing nuclear weapons in the region. It will not ban free passage of nuclear ships in the South Pacific.

Mr. Stanley said Britain has yet to receive drafts of the treaty. "We will need to consult with the other interested governments. We don't anticipate that there is likely to be any early decision on that."

The Soviet Union has indicated that it will accept the treaty. Officials in the region said they expected all the other nuclear states, except France, to endorse the agreement.

France conducts regular underground nuclear tests at the Mururoa atoll in the South Pacific.

Jewish group tear-gases Soviet dance performance

NEW YORK (AP) — A tear-gas bomb was set off in the Metropolitan Opera House five minutes into a performance by a Russian dance troupe, forcing the evacuation of 4,000 people and injuring at least 50.

Callers who said they represented the Jewish Defence League (JDL) claimed responsibility. But a JDL spokesman denied the group was involved.

A loud pop, like a pin pricking a balloon, resounded through the sold-out auditorium in Lincoln centre, where the Moiseyev Dance Company was opening its first U.S. appearance since 1974.

Tears ran down people's faces as the acrid smell wafted through the theatre. Only a few people pushed and shoved as the house was emptied immediately.

Those injured sought treatment for irritation to the eyes and respiratory system. Some were cared for at the scene, while three people were admitted to hospitals. No serious injuries were reported.

The performers continued to dance without music as the orchestra fled out and members of the audience applauded. Then the dancers fled off the stage. The performance was cancelled.

A bomb squad, called to look for other devices that could have been planted, found nothing in a preliminary search, police said.

The bomb exploded just after the Orchestra played the national anthems of the Soviet Union and the United States, said Johanna Fiedler, a spokeswoman for the Met.

A canister was recovered in the rear of the orchestra section on the right side, said officer Vincent Jones.

Minutes after the explosion, an anonymous telephone caller to the Associated Press gave the following message and hung up:

"Approximately five minutes ago, a powerful irritant was released at the Moiseyev Dance Company at Lincoln centre. This was done by Russian members of the Jewish Defence League movement. These actions will continue and escalate. Never again."

Minutes later, another caller who identified himself as Chaim Ben Yosef and claimed to be the national chairman of the JDL telephoned the AP to assert responsibility for the bomb.

However, the national chairman of the JDL is Irv Rubin. Telephone calls to Rubin's Los Angeles-area home and to the group's Los Angeles office went unanswered Tuesday evening.

Calls to the JDL's New York office reached an answering machine, and were not immediately returned.

Death toll reaches 7 in Manila typhoon floods

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Thousands of people began returning to their homes Wednesday as floods triggered by heavy rains from typhoon Wayne receded in Manila and several provinces on the main island of Luzon, authorities said.

Reports from the Philippine National Red Cross and the office of Civil Defence said six people drowned in the floods and another died of electrocution after stepping on a fallen electrical wire.

Meanwhile, a bulletin issued by the weather bureau said the typhoon, with peak winds of 87 miles (140 kilometres) an hour, was slowly moving out of the Philippines but still was dumping heavy rain on the northern part of Luzon.

At 10 a.m. (0200GMT), the typhoon was estimated to be 62 miles (100 kilometres) north west of the town of Laoag, or 295 miles

(472 kilometres) north west of Manila, and moving westward toward northern Vietnam at more than four miles (seven kilometres) an hour, it said.

Officials said more than 124,000 people had been evacuated at the height of the floods Tuesday but many of them began returning to their homes as the waters receded in Manila and most of the 10 provinces affected.

However, flood waters still were rising in some parts of Pangasinan province, 90 miles (144 kilometres) north west of Manila, as authorities released excess water from a dam, the Philippine News Agency reported.

Marietta Bonete of the office of Civil Defence said officials were still assessing damage left by the floods, which destroyed five bridges in Pangasinan, Tarlac and Pangasinan provinces.

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Singer gets 3 years for Belushi death

LOS ANGELES (R) — Former rock singer Cathy Smith was sentenced to three years imprisonment for injecting comedian John Belushi with drugs before he died. Los Angeles Judge David Horowitz denied a defence plea to allow Smith, said in a probation report to have used heroin while awaiting sentence, to be allowed to serve her time in a drug rehabilitation centre. Smith, a 39-year-old Canadian, had pleaded no contest, a plea that does not admit guilt but offers no defence, to a charge of involuntary manslaughter and three charges of furnishing and injecting Belushi with cocaine. Belushi, 34, the burly star of such films as Animal House and the Blues Brothers and the television series Saturday Night Live, was found dead in a Hollywood bungalow in March, 1982. A coroner's report said Belushi died of an overdose cocaine and heroin administered intravenously.

Swazi king dances with maidens

MBABANE (R) — Swaziland's teenage King Mswati joined thousands of bare-breasted maidens in the annual Ncwala (reel dance), highlight of the Swazi traditional calendar. But he disappointed a watching crowd of thousands by not exercising the royal prerogative of selecting a bride from among the dancing maidens. It has become customary for the ruling monarch to have first choice and Mswati's father, King Sobhuza, who died in 1982 at the age of 83, is reputed to have chosen one for every year of his 60-year reign. Mswati, 18, who was installed as all-powerful monarch in April, is reported to have chosen his first bride at last year's Ncwala when on holiday from the boarding school he was attending in England. The girl, who has not been identified, is widely reported to be finishing her education at a local school, but officials will not comment publicly on the monarch's private life.

Irwin not allowed to climb Ararat

KARS, Turkey (AP) — A Turkish governor barred former U.S. astronaut James Irwin from climbing the northern face of Mount Ararat in his quest to find the biblical Noah's Ark. The independent Hurriyet news agency has reported. Hakkı Borat, governor of Kars province, told reporters after meeting with Irwin that his team has permission from authorities in Ankara to climb the southern face of the mountain in eastern Turkey but not the Ahura Gorge on the northern face. Hurriyet reported, "If they get permission from Ankara to start climbing here, we will reconsider the situation," the governor said. Climbers need two permissions. One from Ankara and another from the governor of the province where they are to start the ascent. Irwin had told the Associated Press in Ankara that the team decided to search the Ahura Gorge region after studying aerial surveys. "The chances to find the ark in that region are very high," said Irwin, who has made five previous trips to the area to look for the ark.

Man shoots family during photo session

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (R) — A man who gathered his family together for a barbecue and then called them into his house for a family photograph opened fire with a gun, wounding two of his children before killing himself, police said. The dead man was identified as Raymond Gruender, 50. His son Raymond Jr., 23, was reported in critical condition and a daughter Karen, 17, was in serious condition, both with gunshot wounds. Police said another child, David, 12, escaped as did the elder son's girlfriend. The incident happened during a Labour Day holiday barbecue at Gruender's suburban St. Louis, Missouri home. Police said the man called his family into the living room for a photograph, made a comment about his wife who had moved out several weeks ago, and then opened fire on the group with a .38 pistol. He then took his own life with the gun, police said.

Planes involved in U.S. air crash reportedly took no evasive action

LOS ANGELES (R) — An Aeromexico DC-9 and a private plane apparently took no evasive action before colliding in clear skies over Los Angeles with a loss of 90 lives, according to a senior safety inspector.

This was one of the mysteries of the crash outlined Tuesday night by Dr. John Lauber of the National Transportation Safety Board as rescue workers were preparing to leave the blackened crash site in the Los Angeles suburb of Cerritos.

Dr. Lauber said the absence of evasive action in the collision on Sunday had been reported by 13 eyewitnesses interviewed by safety inspectors.

The collision killed all 58 passengers and crew of six on board the airliner and the three occupants of the single-engine Piper Archer aircraft and rained

flaming debris and airliner fuel on a Cerritos estate.

Police said 23 people were now believed to have been killed in their gutted homes, including 15 people attending a Sunday luncheon in one house.

The lack of evasive action seemed to support the statement by the Los Angeles coroner's spokesman that the Piper Archer pilot, 53-year-old Los Angeles businessman William Kramer, had a heart attack minutes before the collision.

Eyewitnesses said the collision occurred at the airliner's tail section, seemingly beyond the airliner pilot's vision, and with the Piper Archer in the best position to take evasive action.

Dr. Lauber maintained that, although Kramer had significant coronary disease problems, there was no definitive sign of a heart

attack. Kramer's heart tissues would be sent to a laboratory for an independent test, Dr. Lauber said.

The coroner, Ronald Kornblum, has said a post-mortem showed Kramer had a heart attack and was possibly dead before the impact of the crash.

Dr. Lauber also revealed that investigators were seeking the pilot of a plane which appeared just a mile from the Aeromexico airliner one minute and 15 seconds before the collision to see if he can help explain the crash.

An air controller radioed the airliner pilot, Captain Arturo Prom, saying there was a plane "at 10 o'clock" a mile to the north, Dr. Lauber said.

Lauber said investigators had established the unidentified plane was not the Piper Archer.

Minister: Civil war threat forced Bolivia state of siege

LA PAZ (R) — Bolivian Interior Minister Fernando Barthelemy has said that the threat of civil war forced President Victor Paz Estenssoro to decree an indefinite state of siege last Thursday.

In a speech to the Bolivian Congress explaining Mr. Paz Estenssoro's reasons for imposing the state of siege, Mr. Barthelemy said the decree "came in a moment of great upheaval that threatened the nation's peace."

He said leaders of the Bolivia Workers Confederation (COB) and "fringe parties called for an uprising against the government in a practical civil war."

"The government was seeking a return to public order with this preventive measure," said Mr. Barthelemy.

He also said the government had discovered one Cuban and an unspecified number of Nicaraguans training Bolivians for "subversive cells with shock squads."

"The Cuban and Nicaraguans had arrived legally as 'technical advisers,'" said Mr. Barthelemy. He gave no details on whether

they were still in the country.

Mr. Paz Estenssoro decreed the state of siege to counter what he called a plan by leftist labour and political leaders to take advantage of protest march on La Paz by 7,000 tin miners last week and "liquidate" his 13-month old centre-right government.

Defence Minister Fernando Valle told Congress that "extremists were bent on leading the country to anarchy with their systematic and savage strikes."

"The state of siege was the only sufficient measure to brake an irrepressible scale of excesses aimed at bringing down the government," said Valle.

He said the armed forces were "clearly subordinated to the democratic order" and praised the military for "supporting the policies of the government."

In a lively special session of congress punctuated by cheers for Mr. Barthelemy and opposition shouts of "send him to the firing squad," Mr. Barthelemy said the miners' march had "openly subversive ends."

Doctors develop heart attack diagnostic test

BOSTON (AP) — Tailor-made antibodies can give doctors a fast picture of the extent of damage from a heart attack so they can fashion the best therapy to save the victim's life, researchers say.

The new procedure reveals how much tissue has been killed by a heart attack and how much is likely to recover.

"I would say that the diagnostic information obtained will be very helpful in making a more precise clinical judgement as to what to do next in the treatment of myocardial infarction and how aggressive to be," said Dr. Edgar Haber.

Dr. Haber is head of a team at Massachusetts General Hospital that has been developing the new diagnostic procedure for the past 10 years. A report on their latest work is published in the September issue of the journal Circulation.

So far, the team has

experimented with the test on about 100 patients, and the doctors say they have suffered no unwanted side effects.

Although there are other procedures to help learn the scope of a heart attack, Dr. Haber said the advantage of the new test is its accuracy and speed. It can provide answers within 12 to 24 hours after a heart attack, so doctors can decide quickly which procedure will best help the patient recover.

The new test is still considered to be experimental. The researchers say that if further testing progresses smooth, it could be routinely available within two years.

Heart attacks kill an estimated half million Americans annually. When a heart attack strikes, the flow of blood to the heart muscle is blocked and some of the muscle dies. The new test shows how much is dead and how much is likely to recover.

Chilean leader, opposition to stage trial of strength

SANTIAGO (R) — Chile's opposition and the government of President Augusto Pinochet are gathering forces for a test of strength in the run-up to the Sept. 11 anniversary of the 1973 military coup that brought him to power.

Opposition parties ranging from the left to the centrist Christian Democrats are urging supporters to stage a "democracy day" national stoppage Thursday in honour of the day on which presidential elections were traditionally held.

The protest will begin a week of political unrest, which in past years has witnessed violent clashes between demonstrators and security forces.

But for the first time since the opposition protest campaign began three years ago, Gen. Pinochet is counter-attacking with a call to his own supporters to attend a pro-government rally in central Santiago on Sept. 9.

The government rally is being promoted with full-page advertisements in newspapers and nightly propaganda on state-run television channels, and government employees are expected to come under heavy pressure to attend.

The blast of publicity for the official rally contrasts with media

silence on the opposition protests. Police seized the latest edition of the opposition magazine Analysis on Monday after it carried a veiled call for support for the stoppage on its cover.

Fear of arrest has also prompted many opposition groups to avoid publicly calling for any strike action in their official statements.

Fifteen opposition leaders from the National Civic Assembly, a coalition of trades union, professional and community associations, spent over a month in jail after calling a two-day stoppage last July in which eight people died.

The assembly, which was a prime mover in the July protest, has opted this time to call for an ambiguous "day of reflection" although activists say individual associations are working to promote the demonstrations.

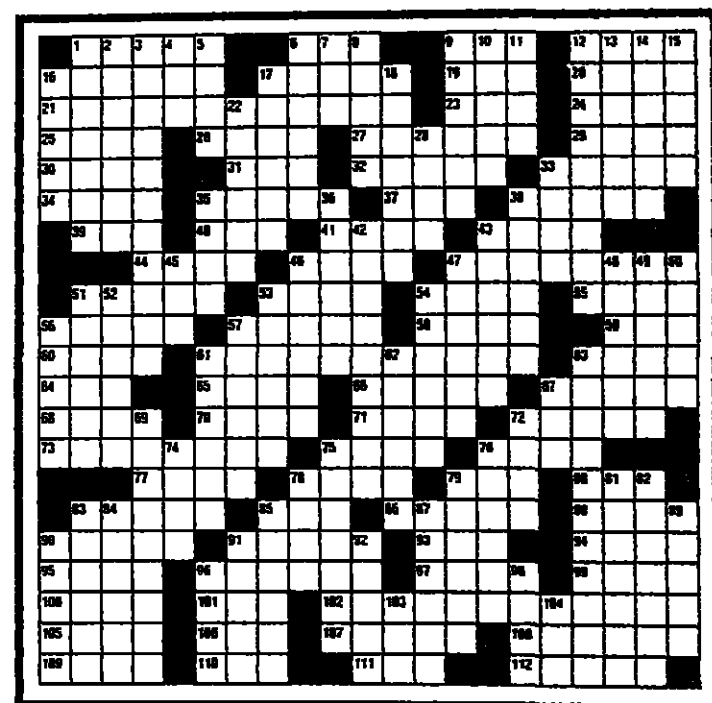
However, opposition leaders admit that the cautious approach of the opposition also reflects strong internal disagreements over the wisdom of any protest action now.

September is a key month in the opposition's political calendar.

Thursday is the 16th anniversary of the election of Socialist leader Salvador Allende, the last president to be democratically chosen.

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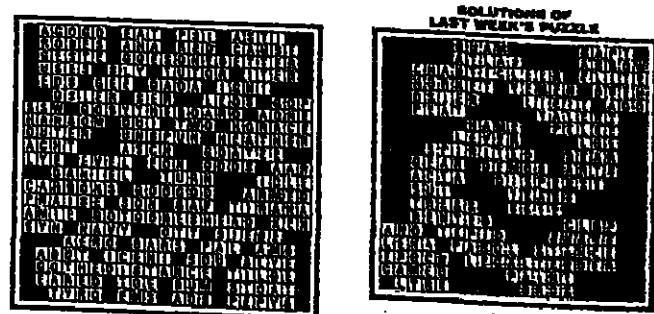


Last Week's Cryptograms

1. I'm always chasing rainbows hoping to find the elusive pot of gold. Even a five microwave would be fine by me!
2. Is use of "He marches to a different drummer" an implied compliment?
3. Kinky kid, at times, dyed pet minks pink in tank.
4. Loud crowds quieted down one leaguely orator.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. WZLOT ANOC WLIILHKG YBLOTX
MSVISHYGC LX YNGSOY, PKY MSVIZVALOT
YBS LAMXXLFGS LX TSOLKX. —By Alvin B. Lebar
2. SZ DPLMEUVIG ABACU STOT UP AF
BU, ESTUYUYI BU BC, BUNPRA MIPW
TWEN WY APCY DPLIYDURN USY ZBIGU
UBLY TIPECA. —By Len Sherry
3. SLEEK ACOOCUS DUCVA ECWHY BUCF RK
OBCHUXVW ZDD OBCUSO DZU WZZA, ELB
BCHFCVCA EK BCCFCVA. —By Philip P. Brennan
4. KJYT BLYQ KNC LHTYLNFP LUTQ CYNT
TYSJP EJ ABEDTY TDSY ARCTC. —By Earl Ireland



GOREN BRIDGE

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LEND A HELPING HAND

Both vulnerable. East deals.
NORTH
♠ 2
♥ K J 7 6
♦ 8 4
♣ Q 8 5 4 3 2
EAST
♠ J 10 9 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ J 10 7 6 2
♣ A K 10 6

West led the Jack of clubs and declarer played low from dummy. East signalled that he did not want a club continuation by furnishing his lowest card, the six. West thought that East wanted a heart led through dummy's tenace, so he shifted to

that suit. The defense had shot their bolt. Since he would set up dummy's hearts if he rose with the ace, East was forced to play low. Declarer won, cashed two high diamonds and ruffed a diamond on the table. Although East overruffed, he was doing so with a natural trump winner. The ace of hearts was the third and last trick that declarer surrendered.

East mentioned that a trump shift by West at trick two would have stranded declarer with a diamond loser. He was right about that, but wrong to blame his partner. He himself was at fault for permitting declarer to make his contract.

East should have won the first trick with the king of clubs and shifted to the Jack of trumps. Now as long as West signalled his heart length so that East could win the right heart—in this case, the second round of the suit—there was no way that declarer would avoid losing a trick in each suit for down one.

Don't ask partner to do what you can do for yourself. Defense is a cooperative venture, and it doesn't help to blame partner for failing to do the right thing when you could have prevented him from going wrong.

South saw no hope of slam once East opened the bidding. Although it was possible that diamonds might have proved to be a superior contract, South's bid of four spades cannot be criticized.